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Graduation day

Students celebrate graduation at Riley's

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Post to celebrate heritage month

A ceremony marking Asian Pacific Heritage month will take place at 11:45 a.m. May 18 at Riley's Conference Center.

The theme for this year's observance is "Pursuing Excellence through Leadership, Diversity and Unity." Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Patterson, deputy commanding general and chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command, will speak. The program is free and open to the public.

Memorial Day ceremony set

The 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley will remember the nation's fallen Soldiers during a wreath-laying ceremony at 11:40 a.m. May 28 at the post cemetery.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, will speak at the event. A 21-gun salute and bugler playing "Taps" will honor all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving.

CIF ships equipment

Outgoing Fort Riley Soldiers now can ship 22 items on their Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment list to their next duty station free of charge through the Central Issuing Facility.

CIF also will receive these items free of charge for incoming Soldiers.

For more information, call Tom Barton at 239-1426.

Equipment exchange open

An equipment exchange van is available for transition team use from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays on H Street at Camp Funston.

Equipment available for exchange includes all basic items drawn by transition team Soldiers, except Army Combat Uniforms.

For more information, call Tom Barton at 239-1426.

Stay 'In Step' with Fort Riley

See what's happening at Fort Riley. Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV Channel 13.

Stories planned for this week's show, which runs on WIBW TV May 19 and on the post's cable channel 2 May 20-28 are:

- Spotlight on 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Iraq
- An update on the latest Fort Riley casualties
- Post-wide graduation ceremony
- First 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team run since its transformation in April
- Gen. George Casey Jr. visits Fort Riley

Army Chief of Staff visits Fort Riley

By Pfc. Dustin Roberts
1st Inf. Div. PAO

The U.S. Army Chief of Staff paid a visit to Fort Riley May 13 and 14 to observe transition teams, their equipment and vehicles, and meet with Soldiers.

Gen. George Casey Jr., who took the position of Army Chief of Staff April 10 after Gen. Peter Schoomaker retired, said the transition team training here was necessary for succeeding in the War on Terror.

"We will not succeed in our mission in Iraq and Afghanistan without the Iraqi and Afghan security forces being able to secure themselves," Casey said.

"So these missions for the transition teams are absolutely essential for our long-term success."

Casey spoke with transition team members, saying it was crucial to take extensive notes in their classes.

Photos

See page 2 for photos of Gen. George Casey Jr.'s visit to Fort Riley.

The training here is where transition teams learn what they are going to apply in Iraq and Afghanistan, Casey said.

Casey also participated in a

luncheon at the Camp Funston dining facility with the Class 19 transition team to eat with, and greet troops.

At division headquarters Casey was given an update on Fort Riley.

"The units getting ready to deploy from Fort Riley are very much on track," Casey said.

Units deploying from Fort Riley will spend 15 months in the Middle East instead of 12 months, as directed by the Army-wide

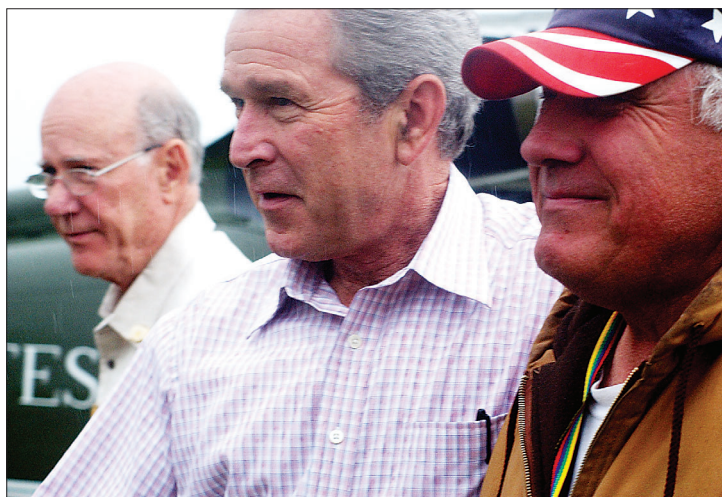
deployment extension.

"This gives commanders on the ground a little bit more flexibility," Casey said.

Casey also commented on recent news of Soldiers kidnapped by insurgents in Iraq.

"One of the major elements of the Warrior Ethos is, 'I will never leave a fallen comrade,'" Casey said. "The guys on the ground are making every effort to find those Soldiers and we won't let up until we do."

Official visit



CAB/Howard

President George W. Bush steps out of Marine One on his way to tour the wreckage of Greensburg, Kan.

Aviators support presidential visit

By Spc. Michael Howard
CAB PAO

President George W. Bush stepped from the Marine One helicopter to tour the ruins of Greensburg, Kan., recently thanks to a little help from the Soldiers of Fort Riley's 3rd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment.

Although the president's helicopter flights are handled by the Helicopter Marine Experimental (HMX) Squadron,

the HMX lacked the number of VIP aircraft available to fly Bush's entourage to the rural area. That prompted White House staff to call on 3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt. to fill the gap with six UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

Working on two-days notice, the battalion had to move quickly to arrange transportation for the president's staff, the White House Press Corps, cargo and communications equipment.

"Without us here they would have

ended up in a ground convoy, so they would probably still be on the road right now," said Maj. Lance Calvert, the battalion operations officer-in-charge for 3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., while the president was on the ground touring the wreckage.

"They would not have had aircraft, and they would not have been able to get everyone out on the site prior to the president's arrival."

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Wounded warrior back in fight

Program offers help, options for injured Soldiers

By Cpl. Tremeshia D. Ellis
1st Inf. Div. PAO

"It felt like I was hit with a sledgehammer," said Sgt. Vincent Hall, describing the impact of an improvised explosive device that cost him his right eye and almost ended his military career two years ago.

Hall, a Soldier assigned to Fort Riley's 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment was on a routine dismounted patrol with his unit in Iraq when two buried 155 mm rounds detonated near them in March 2005.

The intensity of the blast knocked Hall and the other Soldiers on the patrol off their feet.

"When I got up, I could still see dirt falling all around us," Hall said. "My first reaction was anger. I wanted to determine if we were being ambushed."

Hall, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, said he waited anxiously for the dust cloud to clear so he and his battle buddies could do what they were trained to do — continue the fight.

The other Soldiers told him he was bleeding from his right eye and ear but that he was going to be okay, he said.

So, as blood ran down his body armor, Hall said he wrapped a bandage around his eye, put his kevlar back on and "just pressed on."

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Memorial held on post for three 4th IBCT Soldiers

By Spc. Theresa Wiersgalla
1st Inf. Div. PAO

A memorial ceremony was held for three "Big Red One" Soldiers May 10 at Morris Hill Chapel.

Two of the Soldiers - 1st Lt. Ryan Patrick Jones, 23, and Spc. Astor Anibal Sunsin-Pineda, 20 - died when an improvised explosive device struck their vehicle May 2 during a route-clearing mission in Baghdad.

The third Soldier, Spc. Robert Dixon, 27, died when an IED detonated near his vehicle May 6 in Baghdad.

Jones was one of those few individuals who seemed to be good at everything he did," said Capt. N. Lee Bliss Jr., rear detach-

ment commander of the Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div.

"While attending Montachusett Regional Vocational High School in Fitchburg, Mass., he was in JROTC, captain of his football team and president of the National Honor Society."

Jones received his commission as a combat engineer officer through Worcester Polytechnic



1st Lt. Ryan Jones



Spc. Astor Sunsin-Pineda

Institute May 23, 2005, and was assigned to Company A, BSTB, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div.

Bliss said he saw Jones reading a cigar magazine one afternoon and asked him what he knew about cigars.

Absolutely nothing, Jones responded. But he said he had wanted to look like he knew something about them next time he was around and they were brought out.

"It was then I knew that Jones



Spc. Robert Dixon

Feb. 23, 2006, he was assigned to the BSTB, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., at Fort Riley.

He was always prepared for any mission anywhere and his dedication and attention to detail privileged him to be hand-picked as Jones's driver, said Sgt. 1st

Class Doreen Rose, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the BSTB, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. rear detachment.

"Sunsin-Pineda represented everything a Soldier ought to be and because of that he was selected to be in the 'Army Strong' commercial," Rose said. "He was the type of Soldier who did not ask what his country could do for him, but what could he do for his country."

His Family was a priority to him, Rose said. He was a caring, brother, son, husband and a dedicated father, and he humbly left them to help others in need.

Dixon enlisted in the Army July 21, 2005, and was trained to be a cavalry scout. On Jan. 18,

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1st Bde./Skidmore

Casey visits transition teams

Above: U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. eats lunch with members of transition team Class 19 at the Camp Funston dining facility.

Below: U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey Jr. talks with Sgt. 1st Class Lavaughn Brown and other transition team Soldier during his visit to Fort Riley.



1st Bde./Skidmore

Memorial

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2006, he was assigned to the Big Red One's Troop A, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

Capt. Thomas Laybourn, commander of the 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., rear detachment, read comments from Dixon's section leader. "Loyalty is one of the greatest qualities I can remember. Dixon was always loyal.

"As a Soldier he was dedicated and he always wanted to be the best," Laybourn read. "He could always be depended upon to ensure a task was never gave up."

"I always knew he was doing the right thing," Laybourn continued. "He was a great Soldier who was becoming a great leader. The

loss of Dixon will hurt for a long time, but we will continue to do what he would have wanted us to do."

A wise man once said that the only way for evil to succeed is for us to stop fighting evil. Laybourn said, then added: He gave his life so that evil will not succeed, and for that, Americans, Soldiers and Families will always be grateful.

Greensburg

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Though multi-aircraft transport is a common mission for the battalion, the VIP transport mission required much planning, as well as coordination across three branches of service.

"We had people back at Fort Riley who did an excellent job planning and getting in touch with the mission planners from the Marines," Calvert said. "They did a lot of close coordination so that all the details for our linkup were taken care of."

Other services played parts as well, with airmen and Marines going the extra mile to make sure the aviation regiment could accomplish its mission.

"I just want to thank all the airmen at McConnell Air Force Base because when we rolled in they had the entire operations, support, maintenance squadron and security people out doing a great job, getting everything taken care of, getting our billeting - anything that we needed," Calvert said. "They were there every time we turned around."

"It was very well rehearsed," said Capt. Daniel Burton, com-

mander of Company A, 3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., who flew a contingent of journalists in his Black Hawk during the mission. "The Marine One pilots took us through everything. It was pretty seamless."

Maj. Robert Morgan, the Marine One pilot, said the experience was seamless indeed. "They did a great job. It went great. I couldn't ask for better pilots, maintainers and aircrew."

Once the planning phase was over and it was time to execute, the Soldiers of 3rd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt. had several security measures in place to ensure the president's visit went off without a hitch.

"First of all, we had redundancy in aircraft," Calvert said. "The requirement was for four aircraft plus a flying spare. We had that, plus a sixth aircraft, as a backup spare, in case anything happened prior to the mission execution and the actual launch. On top of that,

Company D provided maintenance support. They had a contact team with maintainers and inspectors to take care of any last-minute problems."

Despite the long hours of planning and rehearsals, many of the Soldiers said the experience was more than worth it. While flying in formation with Bush's flight team was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, the members of the flight crews said they were glad to be playing their part in helping the citizens of Greensburg.

"It was just an honor playing a part in this disaster relief," Burton said.

During the visit, Bush talked about the reasons he felt the need to tour Greensburg. "My mission is to...lift people's spirits as best as I possibly can and to hopefully touch somebody's soul by representing our country, and to let people know that while there was a dark day in the past, there's brighter days ahead."

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"I was stunned but still able to respond," Hall said.

After pulling back and regrouping, a bloodied Hall and his fellow Soldiers began to clear the area and detain suspicious individuals.

Hall said he felt grateful that he hadn't lost anything and that he was able to continue to do his job.

It was only after being evacuated to a medical facility a few hours after the attack he learned the blast had blown 90 percent of his right eardrum out and that he also could lose his right eye.

Hall was sent to Germany where his eye was removed and stitched closed. He then was flown to the states so his eye socket could heal before he could be fitted with a prosthetic.

"It was a long process," Hall said. "My wife, Leana, provided a lot of support as did other Soldiers like 1st Sgt. (Kevin) Walker, who had been through the same thing."

The entire healing process took more than a year.

Through it all, Hall said he never lost sight of victory in Iraq and his desire to serve his country.

"I thought, all my friends are here," he said. "The Army needs me. The sacrifices other Soldiers have made have all been in vain if we don't finish the job."

Hall said after losing vision in one eye, he feared the blast might steal his dream of being a career Soldier as well.

"I thought my military career was over," Hall said.

But thanks to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, or AW2, Hall's assessment of his future proved false.

The program provides assistance and advocacy for severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families during medical treatment, rehabilitation and transition back into the workforce.

The program also allows desir-

More info

For more information on the Army's Wounded Warrior Program, call the AW2 Information Line at (800) 237-1336 or visit <http://aw2portal.com>.

ing wounded Soldiers to remain on active duty.

"We cut through red tape," said Patti Walker, Fort Riley AW2 program specialist. More than 40 Soldier Family management specialists located throughout the country help Soldiers and their Families navigate benefit systems and link them with valuable resources.

"This is one of the most phenomenal programs the Army has," Walker said. "We make sure Soldiers understand they have the option of staying in the military. If they decide to get out, we make sure they have the capabilities and confidence to excel in the civilian sector despite their injuries."

"Our ultimate goal is to make sure Soldiers continue to be contributing members of the community," Walker said.

In order to qualify as an AW2 Soldier, Soldiers must have suffered certain severe injuries or illnesses after Sept. 10, 2001 in support of the Global War on Terrorism, be 30 percent or more disabled and rated not fit for duty.

Qualifying injuries and illnesses include loss of limb, loss of vision, permanent disfigurement, severe burns, traumatic brain injury, post traumatic stress disorder and other conditions requiring extensive hospitalizations or multiple surgeries.

It was through the program's assistance that Hall returned to duty and ultimately reenlisted on

March 28.

The program's benefits are numerous.

The Army benefits by retaining the knowledge and skills of experienced Soldiers, Walker said.

"AW2 Soldiers are examples of what Army Strong means," she said. "They have to work harder than the average Soldier to meet Army standards. That takes mental and physical strength."

"Sgt. Hall is an excellent Soldier," said Col. Jeffrey Ingram, 1st Brigade Commander who served as Hall's commander in OIF I.

"I'm glad he decided to stay because he is an asset to the Army and a true credit to the (Noncommissioned Officer) Corps."

Hall's company first sergeant agreed.

"He is an outstanding NCO," said Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Horsager. "He is definitely able to contribute to young Soldiers coming in who have not yet experienced combat. If you've still got fight left in you, continue to contribute. Don't get out."

"He lost an eye and is still coming back for more," Ingram added. "He is what makes America great."

AW2 was initially introduced April 30, 2004, as the Disabled Soldier Support System. On November 10, 2005 the Secretary of the Army changed the name of the program to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program.

As of April 2007, 1,649 Soldiers have participated in the program. More than three dozen have continued to serve in the active Army while hundreds of others have been assisted in making a smooth transition to civilian life.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of this program," Walker said. "The Army ethos is never leave a fallen comrade and that is what AW2 is all about."

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Transition teams brush up on Soldiering skills

By Gary Skidmore
1st Brigade

Since last summer, several thousand active duty and reserve component Soldiers, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and sailors have been trained by the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division as transition teams. They are targeted for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Most already know how to shoot, move and communicate – the basic military skills all Soldiers are expected to have mastered. But these teams are made up of leaders who may not have fired a squad assault weapon or a .50-caliber machine gun in several years. The training they receive during their 60-day cycle at Forward Operating Base Army Strong on Camp Forsyth may save their lives and the lives of their team members.

The teams also receive extensive cultural awareness training, including more than 40 hours of theater-specific language training, and once they arrive at Camp Funston, are immersed immediately in cultural training.

"This cultural piece is very, very important and we have quite a lot going on to make this the best and most realistic training possible," said Lt. Col. Curt Hudson, deputy commander of the 1st



Transition team Soldiers and translators discuss a cordon and search with an Afghan leader.
1st Bde./Lee

Bde., 1st Inf. Div.

"We actually bring Fagan and Iraqi Soldiers over to train with us during collective training events," Hudson said. "That's about as realistic as it gets - a U.S. adviser working with an Afghan Soldier."

It's important to get the teams as much training as possible, Hudson said, and the brigade is taking the lead on providing some innovative ways to train the teams.

"We try to get the teams linked

up with their counterparts in theater," Hudson said. "We also try to do at least one video teleconference per team so they can actually interact with the people on the ground there."

They also have secure comput-

ers available so the teams can exchange e-mails with the teams already on the ground, Hudson said, giving the new teams a better perspective of what to expect when they arrive in country.

"We don't have a lot of adviser veterans within the brigade," Hudson said because the whole TT mission is relatively new. "So, what we've done to offset that is implement what we call the 'call back' visit and the alumni program."

The idea behind the call back visits is to have Soldiers who have returned to the States on their 14-day mid-tour leave, receive an additional 96 hours temporarily assigned to Fort Riley to discuss their theater-specific experiences, Hudson said.

Capt. Patton Nix just completed his mid-tour leave and came to Fort Riley as part of the program. Deployed with the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division to Iraq, he isn't a locally trained TT member, but is serving in a unit that will be replaced by a team currently training at Fort Riley.

The visit to Fort Riley was intended for me to make contact with the teams that are getting ready to deploy where I am and give them an opportunity to ask questions about anything they don't understand," Nix said. "They can ask me anything they need to know including where

they'll be working, interpreter issues, mail and meals and facts about the unit they'll be working with.

This visit gives the teams here an opportunity to get feedback about lessons learned," said Nix.

"It's things we wish we would have known when we first got there. I'm really just offering them some insight as to what they'll be doing and how best to prepare themselves for their upcoming operation," he said.

Nix said he spoke to several teams, and they were like sponges soaking up all he could give them.

"I talked to them about a lot of subjects and had to go before they ran out of questions," Nix said.

"There is a lot of anticipation with this type of mission because it's something most of these guys have never done before," Nix said. "There's always questions, and there's always uncertainty."

"They'll be living with Iraqis or Afghans on their bases, often times away from any coalition forces; and they don't understand what their support will be," Nix said. "They don't know who'll be responsible for them, how they'll get around, where they'll get their equipment and all that kind of thing. We have experience with this stuff and can give them the answers to their questions."

Operation Equipment Draw set for large number of new troops

By Pfc. Francisca Vega
3rd HBCT, PAO

Since personnel numbers are quickly approaching 100 percent, 1st Armored Division's 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team at Fort Riley started Operation Equipment Draw April 24.

The mission for 3rd HBCT during the next two months will be to distribute combat-essential equipment consisting of TAT (to accompany troop) and nonTAT equipment from five different motor pools.

During the two months more than 30 units are being issued everything from tanks and

Humvees to weapons and weapon scopes.

The equipment is being issued so the brigade can convert into a 21st Century fighting force, said Col. Norbert Jocz, 3rd HBCT commander.

Coordination vital to mission

It may come as no surprise that such a large operation is no easy task to oversee or execute.

"Setting a unit battle rhythm is very important so personnel know when they have block-time to work," said Capt. Joshua LaMotte, who is overseeing Operation

Equipment Draw.

Because time is limited, priorities have to be set and time management becomes very important, LaMotte said. It is a multi-faceted task, so coordination is key to ensure the process is streamlined, he said. Making sure that not only key personnel are present during coordination, but also the right personnel to do the job, is vital.

"It's a team effort so we have to be synchronized," LaMotte said. Coordination starts with the unit motor pool where the Army Field Support Battalion will be handing off equipment to 3rd HBCT.

Since the bulk of the shipment arrived to Fort Riley in late Feb-

ruary, civilian contractors have been configuring company-sized sets of equipment.

After looking over the equipment that was oversees for a year, Soldiers go through a safety brief.

From the safety brief, two things must happen before the company commander can sign off for the equipment. A quality check on the equipment must be made to ensure it is in serviceable condition and serial numbers must be verified.

Only after this is done can the company commanders sign for the property enabling the release of equipment to the signing unit.

On average a new company starts drawing equipment every

other day and each company has only 10 days to complete its inventory.

"It's not an easy task, but that's why this has been made a mission," said Chief Warrant Officer David Watts, Support Team officer in charge.

Taking inventory

Inventorying is scheduled to be done through June, and civilian contractors will remain on post for an additional 90 days to make sure issued equipment is to standards.

Because the equipment is new, Soldiers need to be introduced and oriented to the equipment

through a program called NET, or New Equipment Training.

The duration of the training depends mostly on what each Soldier will need, and this will help move 3rd HBCT to its call to duty.

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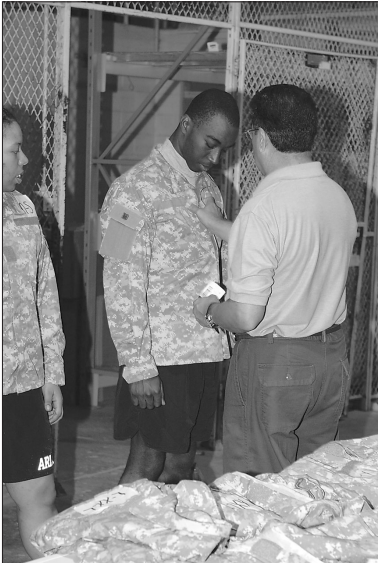
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Dressing up

Spec. Michael Dunlap, a patient administration specialist with Headquarters Company, 1st Sustainment Brigade, is fitted for an Army Combat Uniform May 3 in Building 7120. During the uniform issue, Soldiers in the unit received four sets of ACUs, foam knee and elbow pads, four T-shirts, a patrol cap, a boonie hat, nametags and patches for their upcoming deployment, which is scheduled for this summer.

1st Sust. Bde.



Engineers earn medals in Iraq

By 1st Lt. Rebecca Walsh
1st Eng. Bn.

COB SPEICHER, Iraq — Vice President Dick Cheney made a surprise visit May 10 to Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq where he presented three 1st Engineer Battalion Soldiers awards for meritorious achievements during combat operations.

Pfc. Kenneth Stell was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device. The Bronze Star is the fourth-highest medal awarded for meritorious achievements while engaged against an enemy of the United States. The Valor Device symbolizes an act of combat heroism. Stell received the medal after he was engaged in three fire fights all within a two-hour time period. His valiant actions enabled coalition forces to detain 20 anti-Iraqi forces.

Pfc. Paul Passi and Spec. Walter Herron were awarded the Combat Action Badge for their actions during combat operations. All three Soldiers are assigned to the 111th Sapper Company, 1st Eng. Bn. currently deployed out of Fort Riley in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



25th Inf. Div. photo

Vice President Dick Cheney pins a Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device on Pfc. Kenneth Stell, 1st Engineer Battalion. During his surprise visit to COB Speicher May 10, Cheney presented medals to Stell and two other 1st Eng. Bn. Soldiers.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

If you could go anywhere on vacation this summer, where would you go and why?



"Israel - I would like to walk the grounds where Jesus walked, and visit the area where he was at physically."

Master Sgt. Granderson Alexander
NCOIC
1st Sust. Bde.
Home: Fort Worth, Texas



"Bahamas - I want to go there and relax and get away from everything."

Spc. Michael Harryman
HHC, 1st Bn., 41th Inf. Regt.
Home: Oklahoma City



"I would go home to see my family. I want to see my newborn nephew."

Pvt. Matt Jackson
2nd Bn., 70th Armor
Home: Branson, Mo.



"I would go to Germany because that is where my heritage is from. My great, great grandfather is from Germany."

Pfc. Melissa Douglass
Unit clerk
610th BSB
Home: Louisville, Ky.



"I would like to go on an Arctic Cruise. You only live life once; I want to live it to the fullest and see icebergs."

Sgt. Juan Maldonado
S-6 shop foreman
2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.
Home: New York City

Letters to the editor:

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Letters may be edited to fit space but never edited to change the writer's viewpoint. Send letters to anna.morelock@conus.army.mil or fax them to 239-2592.

Notes on Safety

ISO to hold motor vehicle safety day

By Darla Griffith
Installation Safety Office

Despite the great emphasis that has been placed on accident prevention for many years, motor vehicle accidents continue to be the leading cause of death for Soldiers Army-wide.

Accident prevention begins with individual awareness. The safe operation of a vehicle is determined by the attentiveness, alertness and ability of each driver. Increasing your own driver awareness can help reduce or prevent costly accidents, fatalities and material losses that affect us all.

Many government agencies, such as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, provide vehicle safety and accident prevention information. The Department of the Army also has numerous programs on accident prevention, motor vehicle and motorcycle safety.

One invaluable resource for all Army safety programs is the Combat Readiness Center. Information on the center's Web site is updated frequently and covers many critical safety topics.

Safe driving info

For more information on motor vehicle safety programs and training materials available at Fort Riley, call the Installation Safety Office at 239-2514.

Other resources for information on safe driving:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration - <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>
Combat Readiness Center - <https://crc.army.mil/home/>

By taking the time to learn about the hazards and risks associated with driving, we can effectively take the first steps to accident avoidance.

On May 24, the Fort Riley Installation Safety Office will kick off the Spring Motor Vehicle Safety Campaign. The day will be used to promote safe driving, seatbelt usage, proper use of child safety restraint systems and public awareness of the informational and training programs available to the Fort Riley Community. The ISO will hold several safety awareness activities throughout the day.

Safety personnel, in conjunction with the Provost Marshal's Office will begin the morning by conducting additional access control point inspections at Estes Gate from 9 to 11 a.m. placing

emphasis on the importance of vehicle registration, insurance, driver's licenses, Motorcycle Safety Foundation cards and motorcycle riders' personal protective equipment.

Seat belt safety checks will be conducted from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ogden Gate. Safety personnel also will be conducting a seat belt survey during the morning hours which will identify the number of vehicle occupants who are wearing seat belts.

Additionally, a Child Restraint System Check Station will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fort Riley Post Exchange to provide valuable guidance and education in the proper installation of child car seats. Participants also will have the opportunity to experience the "Seat belt Convin-

cer," a safety tool used to demonstrate the effectiveness of seat belt usage. Passengers experiencing the force generated during a five mph collision will gain a new respect for the protection seat belts can provide. A number of banners and displays also will be located at access control points to promote accident prevention awareness.

Vehicle safety training programs available at Fort Riley through the Installation Safety Office include: accident prevention, seat belt safety, child restraint system installation and education, motorcycle and ATV safety, DUI awareness, winter driving safety. The ISO also offers a broad range of training videos on such topics as aggressive and inattentive driving.

For more information on motor vehicle safety programs and training materials contact the Installation Safety Office at 239-2514.

With all of the information and training materials available, it is important to remember the safe operation of any motor vehicle is the responsibility of the driver. Doing your part to increase accident prevention awareness and driver safety will not only make you a safer driver, it will benefit all who share the road.

Drive safely today and every day!

Military Spouse Appreciation

Chairman recognizes spouse strength, support

Special to the Post

The following statement was sent out to all military spouses of the U.S. armed forces from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Peter Pace.

On the Friday before Mother's Day, we paused to recognize Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Our spouses offer quiet strength and untold support. Through long deployments, you sustain our morale with your letters, e-mails, and the comforting knowledge that your thoughts and prayers are always with us.

While we're away, you maintain a sense of stability for our Families, providing a constant foundation despite daily challenges and unspoken worries. When we get tired, you dust us off, and put us back into the fight. When we come home and receive recognition, you stand in the background and pretend you



Gen. Peter Pace

had nothing to do with that success. You provide a special source of inspiration, a daily reminder of the values and freedoms we hold so dear.

You serve this nation as well as any one who has ever worn a uniform, and for that we are eternally grateful.

The Joint Chiefs join me in paying tribute to our devoted military spouses. Thank you for all you do to give us strength to drive on when duty calls.

Pace added the following handwritten comment, "With great respect," above his signature block on the letter.

Grunt By Wayne Udden

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Beginning June 1, the Post newspaper will move to Friday publication in order to get more of the week's news in the paper in a timely manner.

The deadline to submit articles and briefs to the paper will change to no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before it is to appear in the paper.

Submissions to the Post should be e-mailed to anna.morelock@conus.army.mil.

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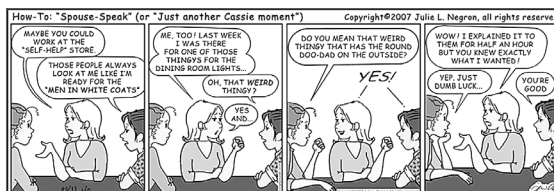
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Heading out

Maj. Mark Bidwell spends a few moments with his daughters Beatrice, 10, and Audrey, 9, during the transition team deployment ceremony May 14 at Long Gym.

Iraqi, MND-B troops detain 3 suspects, find 10 caches

By Major Kirk Luedeke
4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi security forces, along with Soldiers from the 3rd "Arrowhead" Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division and the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, continued clearing operations in the Rashid District of southwestern Baghdad recently, detaining three suspected terrorists and confiscating 10 weapons caches.

Working in conjunction with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st National Police Division, Stryker troops from the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment

"Tomahawks" and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment "Patriots" continued to methodically clear areas in the western portion of the Rashid district, detaining three individuals suspected of involvement with an extrajudicial killing cell, while also seizing weapons and ammunition from multiple caches.

Numerous AK-47s, SKS carbine rifles, RPK machine guns, RPG launchers as well as 60, 81 and 82 mm mortar rounds were discovered during the second day of operations, in addition to the confiscation of two sniper rifles, blasting caps and body armor.

"The weapons and ammunition are never going to be used

against innocent Iraqi citizens, Iraqi security forces and U.S. Soldiers again," said Col. Ricky Gibbs, commander of the 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., whose unit is responsible for the operational area within the Rashid District.

"It is a credit to the professionalism and experience of the Arrowhead Brigade's Soldiers and their leadership that they have played such a prominent role in the operation's early success," Gibbs said.

The operation included about 400 Iraqi National Police and more than 1,000 U.S. Army Soldiers working together to keep pressure on those conducting activities against the government and coalition in Iraq.

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Product recalled

An allergy alert was issued on undeclared peanuts in Mayfield Turtle Tracks Ice Cream. The affected product contains peanuts, which are not listed on the label. No other Mayfield Dairy Farms products are involved in this recall.

Only 1.75-quart cartons with a code date of 4/11/08 and plant code of 47225 are involved in the recall. Consumers should look for this information on the side of the lid of the carton. The UPC code is 75243-20120.

\$5,000 reward offered by CID

The Fort Riley Criminal Investigation Division is investigating an alleged rape that occurred on Fort Riley in late January 2007. The perpetrator was described as a male, possibly Hispanic, approximately 5'10" tall, 175 pounds, wearing the Army winter physical training uniform and a gold ring with two diamonds on each side and a cross in the middle.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the alleged rape. If you have any information concerning the incident, call the Fort Riley military police at 239-MPMP (6767) or CID at 239-3931.

This reward offer will expire April 13, 2008.

CBRN course offered on post

Fort Riley offers a two-week Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense course each month to train personnel assigned to units' CBRN Control Party.

The Control Party consists of a CBRN Officer and CBRN NCO (an enlisted alternate if no CBRN NCO is assigned). It's also an opportunity to earn five college credits from Barton College.

These positions are inspected areas during command inspections. The class also provides training to unit 74D, CBRN NCOs (as long as they are not a BNOC grad).

Units can have multiple Soldiers trained for continuity.

The next post CBRN courses are scheduled for June 18 through 29 and July 16 through 27.

Prerequisites for the class are:

- A GT score of 100 or above (or ST of 95 or above).
- Rank of specialist or above (waiverable for private first class).
- A minimum of one year service remaining.

Units should call Jerald Busing, Troop Schools, at 239-5432 to register. For more information on the course, units also can call Michael Walter, Post Chemical, at 239-6395.

Newly elected Lt. Gov. visits Fort Riley

By Sgt. Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div. PAO

The lieutenant governor of Kansas spent the day on post and within the surrounding communities of Manhattan and Junction City May 10 as the area continues to grow amid military expansion.

"The governor is very committed to working with the Fort Riley communities that surround Fort Riley to make sure that the dramatic expansion of the number of troops who live here and work here - as well as their Families - goes smoothly," said Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, during a news conference inside the 1st Infantry



Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson

Fort Riley leadership - including Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley - but also with area schools and local city mayors to

Division headquarters the day of his visit.

Parkinson, a native of Wichita, Kan., and vocal supporter of the military, said he has been working very closely not only with

ensure success.

"I met with the general to make sure everything had been going smoothly and that we're doing everything we ought to be doing from the state perspective to make this transition go well. I'm very impressed with the pace of progress both on-base and off-base as we prepare for this tremendous surge in troops and their families."

Though for this visit he did not have the opportunity to see training, he took a look at the Soldiers' housing situation, available space, where housing is going to be and the pace of development.

"I think the progress is terrific," he said. "We're in a very tight

labor market in this part of the state, as well as the whole state, making any sort of construction difficult. But despite that, the construction seems to be going in a smooth and orderly fashion, and I think everything will be ready when it needs to be."

Parkinson said he wants to continue in the footsteps of former Lt. Gov. John Moore, who was - and still is - involved in the military through the Governor's Military Affairs Council, of which he is still the chairman.

"This is a major asset for the state of Kansas," Parkinson said. "The entire BRAC process and the continued work of the governor's military council recognizes

that we understand how important an asset this is to our country. We're very proud of Fort Riley and its presence in our state, and the governor is committed to doing everything she needs to do to make sure that this is protected and prospers in the future."

"One of the messages today to General Ham and the rest of the community is that even though I'm not serving as chair of the council, don't interpret that as lack of interest," he added. "Instead it's the fact that John Moore continues to have his passion for it, but the governor's interest and my interest are still strong."

Mechanic pursues different dream than most women

By Master Sgt. Jack Lee
1st Bde. PAO

There's no statement here, just a person pursuing her dream - it just happens to be a dream not many women may want.

Jennifer Pate is a mechanic, the kind who gets grease up to her elbows.

"When I turned 16 years old, my grandfather asked me to come work for him for \$2 an hour in his shop," she said. "I'm not a crusader, I'm just working at something I really like to do."

When conversations turn to occupations, Pate said many people think it's unusual she is a mechanic, but they also ask a lot of questions about her job choice.

A contract heavy equipment mechanic with Contract Services Incorporated, she helps keep the post's fleet of commercial utility

cargo vehicles running. "They're good old trucks," she said. "They take a beating and keep on going." Pate not only fixes them but orders the parts, too.

Pate puts her tools to work not only on post but also at home.

"Some of my girlfriends will call and ask if I can fix this or that. Recently, I replaced a headlight for a friend but had to troubleshoot an electrical short first," she said. Electrical work can be the toughest, she added.

Pate is engaged to be married this July. "I'm the wrench turner in the Family," she laughed, adding that she fixes everything her fiancé breaks.

In her spare time, Pate is busy taking evening classes to finish her Automotive Technician Associate's Degree from Central Texas College. She is the only female currently enrolled in the classes.

Ed Graham, automotive instructor, says she's likely the

first female he's had in class that will graduate. "Jennifer's an excellent student, carrying a 4.0 grade point average."

"There hasn't been a task I've given her she hasn't been able to figure it out and fix it," Graham said.

Fellow student Staff Sgt. Rodney Riedesel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, is enrolled in an automatic transmissions and transaxles class with Pate.

"I've learned a lot from her," Riedesel said. "She has years of experience with mechanics and she gladly shares that technical knowledge with me."

"We have many discussions about what will work, what won't and better ways of doing things," he said.

A prior active duty Soldier, Pate enlisted into the Army Reserve to help pay for her college. She's assigned to the 295th Ordnance Company out of Hastings, Neb., as an ammunition supply specialist.

Pate's life as a mechanic is not completely free of hassle.

She said she's experienced upheavals on the job but remains upbeat and positive. "Once I prove myself as a mechanic it goes better for me. Then, for the



Performing scheduled maintenance on a commercial utility cargo vehicle, Jennifer Pate changed the oil and filter. Adding the new oil, Pate had to climb on top of the engine. "I'm just too short," she laughed.
1st Bde./Lee

most part, I am not treated any different than anyone else," she said.

When she gets frustrated with a repair problem, Pate said she remembers what her grandfather advised her to do.

"Grandpa told me when I'm stumped with a problem to listen and the engine will talk to me."

"It sounds funny but I'll do that, and soon it comes to me to try this or that, and I'll find and fix the problem," Pate said.

Pate said she feels much job satisfaction with what she does and would recommend mechanical work to anyone. "Being a mechanic is an honorable profession," she said.

Courts-martial find 3 Soldiers guilty

Staff Judge Advocate

The following three Fort Riley Soldiers were convicted recently by courts-martial:

Pvt. Joseph A. Fernandez was tried at a General Court-Martial May 7 and found guilty of being absent without leave for 90 days until he was apprehended, going AWOL a second time for 61 days and using cocaine.

The military judge sentenced him to be confined for 17 months, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

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Pvt. Ryan A. Wentzel was

tried at a General Court-Martial May 8 and found guilty of assault with means likely to produce grievous bodily harm.

The military judge sentenced him to be confined for one year and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

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Pfc. Justin R. Mulvin was tried at a General Court-Martial May 10 and found guilty of possessing child pornography.

The military judge sentenced him to be confined for 20 months, to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

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ADCO rides with 'Kodiaks' on route clearance mission

By 1st Lt. Patrick Murray
70th Eng. Bn.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ORGUN-E, Afghanistan – Recently, Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel, assistant division commander for operations, 82nd Airborne Division, visited the 70th Engineer Battalion at Forward Operating Base Orgun-E.

The 70th Eng. Bn., "Kodiaks" have the task of conducting route clearance throughout Afghanistan. The Kodiak Sappers can be found on route clearance patrols (RCP) from the Pech River valley in the north to the Kandahar Province in the south "hunting" for improvised explosive devices along Afghan roads, destroying them, and making travel safe for coalition forces and

the Afghan people.

During his visit, Votel accompanied a Kodiak RCP on a route clearance mission. The day's mission was to clear a route in support of follow-on forces. The route was a goat trail barely wide enough to support vehicle traffic. The trail trudged through mountain passes, high desert forests, 100-foot cliffs and dry river beds with boulders as big as Humvee tires.

The day prior to the mission, Kodiak 2nd Platoon, Company A "Roughnecks" showed Votel the intricacies of the RCP equipment during their standard pre-mission activities. The Soldiers familiarized the ADCO with the vast and intricate tools of the trade: from remote controlled unmanned aerial vehicles used for scouting hidden ambush points to mine detecting

vehicles designed to withstand an IED explosion and be put back together again. Votel had the opportunity to crawl inside two of the U.S. Army Engineer Corps' latest combat mine clearance vehicles.

The walk through allowed Sgt. 1st Class Steven Vinson, platoon sergeant, 2nd Plt., Co. A, to conduct his pre-combat inspections ensuring everyone was ready and the vehicles were prepared. Roughneck Platoon Leader 2nd Lt. John Deal conducted an equally in-depth rehearsal to ensure everyone knew what to do and when to do it.

Before dawn, mine detection vehicle driver Spec. William Allan led the patrol out across the rocky terrain.

Following the RCP's slow and deliberate movement, infantry

and construction elements were able to quickly surmount the passes and begin the mission of occupying and constructing combat outposts in an area heavy with insurgent presence.

The patrol's destination was a small town, a proud place for its occupants. Village elders proudly pointed out that it was one of the few villages able to keep the Russians out, during the occupation in the 1980s. Despite the rugged, isolated and wary attitude of the town, its people displayed an

eagerness to work with the Kodiaks. The Soldiers were in town for only a couple of hours before a local villager led them to a spot adjacent to a heavily traveled road. In a verdant, well-kept pasture, lay an IED neatly surrounded by razor wire.

The explosive ordinance disposal team identified the IED as a modified, Italian-made, TC-6 antitank mine.

"Its 13kg of explosives is designed to defeat armored vehicles and vaporize its contents,"

one of the EOD Soldiers said of the mine as he waved his arms emulating an explosion.

After the non-commissioned officer in charge of the EOD team destroyed the mine, the RCP began the long trip back home to FOB Orgun-E. A long line of trucks trailed behind the patrol, making quick use of the newly cleared road.

The Kodiaks are "very sound with well executed drills and processes," Votel said after the mission. "It is a great unit that is doing superb work."



Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel, assistant division commander of operations for the 82nd Airborne Division, looks at a portable unmanned aerial vehicle standard on most route clearance patrol missions. Votel was at FOB Orgun-E visiting the 70th Engineer Battalion.



Second Lt. John Deal, "Roughneck" platoon leader, explains details of the 70th Engineer Battalion's mission using a sand table, under the watch of Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel, assistant division commander of operations for the 82nd Airborne Division, who was visiting the "Kodiak" Soldiers.

School opening

First Lt. Dustin McWhirter, executive officer for Company C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, hands out pencils to schoolchildren of the Al-Kumait School in the Doura area of Baghdad. The school was the site of a ceremony marking the school's renovation.

4th IBCT/Timmons



By Maj. Kirk Luedeke
4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD - The Rashid District Council and 1st Battalion, 6th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Atwan School for boys recently, despite insurgent efforts to prevent the event from occurring.

Prior to the ceremony, small arms fire had been directed at the school, but after NP and Multi-National Division - Baghdad forces returned fire, the gunmen fled.

"We will not be stopped by the terrorists," Col. Ra'ad Eyyas Amin,

commander of the 1st Bn., 6th Bde., 2nd Div., said to the crowd of boys ranging from elementary school age all the way up through high school. "We will all live in peace together."

"Education is the future for Iraq," said Sabeeh Al-Ka'abi, the director of the Rashid District Council, who presided over the school opening with Ra'ad.

The Atwan School is located in the Mechanix neighborhood of the Rashid district in southern Baghdad. Renovation of the school included improvements to the outer wall, installment of new doors, electrical wiring, fans, plumbing, 100 new desks and 40 blackboards for the 650 students

who attend classes there.

After the event, policemen handed out soccer balls to the students.

As those gathered began to disperse, shots rang out once again, as the insurgents returned for one more unsuccessful attempt to disrupt the proceedings.

"This just goes to show how little regard these criminals have for human life," said Col. Ricky Gibbs, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division commander. "They tried to take what was a celebration of a much-improved learning institution and instead put children in harm's way. They did not succeed, and now everyone can see the kinds of tactics they employ."

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Iraq Assistance Group Personal Security Platoon Officer, Staff Sgt. Travis Ott, guards Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Moore, IAG command sergeant major, during a cordon and search in West Rashid during a visit to a checkpoint. The checkpoint is operated by Iraqi National Police.

IAG Personal Security Platoon always ready to support mission

By Sgt. Chris Keller

U.S. Central Command PAO

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq — Instant mobility gives commanders what they need to be successful in the fast-paced Global War on Terrorism. And that's exactly what the Iraq Assistance Group's Personal Security Platoon provides.

When the IAG demands mobility, the PSP makes it happen. The PSP takes IAG personnel through some of the most dangerous roads in Iraq to make sure transition teams and Iraqi forces get the support they need daily.

Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard, IAG commander, knows the importance of the PSP and the role it plays in making the IAG successful. He relies on its support several times a week when going outside the "wire" to visit Iraqi forces and transition teams.

"The PSP has allowed mobility for both myself and Command Sgt. Maj. (Robert) Moore and staff elements of the IAG to be able to move around and support transition teams," Pittard said. "They have been such a key

enabler for the IAG."

The PSP is ready at all times to support the mission of the IAG by offering secure transportation to any location in Iraq. The platoon has been running missions for the IAG since late August 2006.

"Without the PSP we could not be out on the battle space like we are, point blank," Moore said. "The PSP is as much a critical piece of the success of the IAG as any other part."

All of the PSP Soldiers were hand picked from a list of more than 80 applicants, according to platoon leader 1st Lt. Kevin Hughey. The top 28 were chosen based on their noncommissioned officer reports, physical fitness and weapons qualification scores and a recommendation letter from each Soldier's commander.

Hughey and his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Scott Gibson, were chosen to run the PSP. Next, both of them selected the Soldiers who would make up the platoon's Alpha and Bravo sections.

Alpha Company travels with Pittard, while Bravo escorts Moore. Sometimes the stars align

and both convoy together.

The core of the crew is trained as infantrymen and armor Soldiers, while others are trained in communications, combat medicine and mechanics.

"This allowed us to be as self-sufficient as possible," Hughey said.

"We are always ready to support the IAG and its mission. That is our mission," he said. "Our job is to provide security and safety at all times for those traveling with us."

Staff Sgt. Travis Ott is one of two Soldiers assigned as personal security officers for Pittard and Moore. They never leave the side of their leaders while out on mission.

The platoon will finish its year-long tour in July, at which time, the Soldiers will return to Fort Riley, Kan.

All agree that they will do what it takes to make the mission a success — no matter how long that takes.

"Our PSP has bridged the gap between the IAG and our transition teams," Pittard said. "They're phenomenal."

Army Values posters get makeover

By Mr. Hank Minitrez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — New Army values posters are going up in offices and barracks worldwide. The original Army values posters were first published nine years ago.

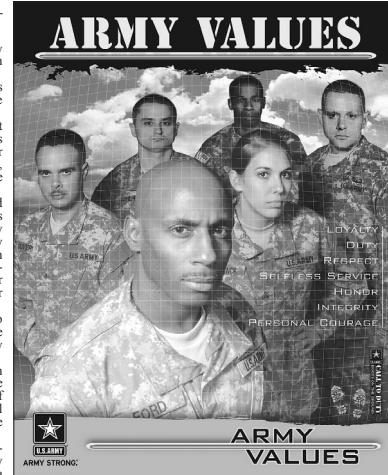
"This update is important because the Army values posters serve as a visual reminder of our culture," said Kittie Messman, values project manager in the Army G-1's office.

The posters were released March 15. All publications account holders who normally receive Department of the Army posters will receive them through normal publications supply channels. Account holders may order additional posters through their publications control officer.

The intent of the posters is to reemphasize and reinvigorate Army values, according to Army G-1.

Army culture promotes certain norms of conduct, which include a unique service ethic expected of every Soldier — to make personal sacrifices in selfless service to the nation.

"The Army values are the baseline, core and foundation of every Soldier," said Messman, herself a retired master sergeant. "They define who they are, what they do, what they stand for, and drive their actions at home, work, in peace and during war."



Army G-1 photo

The Army recently issued new versions of the Army values poster series.

Army Values

Loyalty. Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit, and other Soldiers. This means supporting the military and civilian chain of command, as well as devoting oneself to the welfare of others.

Duty. Fulfill your obligations. Duty is the legal and moral obligation to do what should be done without being told.

Respect. Treat people as they should be treated. This is the same as do unto others as you would have done unto you.

Selfless service. Put the welfare of the nation, the Army, and subordinates before your own. This means putting the welfare of the nation and accomplishment of the mission ahead of personal desires.

Honor. Live up to all the Army values. This implies always following your moral compass in any circumstance.

Integrity. Do what's right-legally and morally. This is the thread woven through the fabric of the professional Army ethic. It means honesty, uprightness, the avoidance of deception, and steadfast adherence to standards of behavior.

Personal Courage. Face fear, danger, or adversity (physical or moral). This means being brave under all circumstances (physical or moral).

The posters may be viewed and downloaded from the Army G-1's Web site at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/HR/ARMYVALUES.ASP> and will be featured in Soldiers Magazine from June through January.

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ASAP offers training

The Fort Riley Army Substance Abuse Program conducts monthly classes for Soldiers in the rank of sergeant and above who have been selected by unit commanders to assist them as an ASAP subject matter expert.

During the certification process, Soldiers learn how to administer the Unit Biochemical Testing program, assist commanders in briefing new unit personnel regarding ASAP policies, procedures and services, and how to develop, manage and facilitate the ASAP prevention education program to their Soldiers.

Classes are scheduled May 23-24 and June 13-14. The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course has a rigorous two-day curriculum with a required final test to achieve UPL certification. The course will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each scheduled day at the Digital Training Facility in Building 7285.

For information on the Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course or to enroll Soldiers for the class, call Clyde Saltee, Fort Riley UPL training coordinator, at 239-1928 or 239-4151.

Prevention classes slated

The Fort Riley Suicide Prevention Program will conduct Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training classes monthly now through March. Classes are scheduled June 21-22 and July 19-20.

The two-day classes will be taught in the basement classroom at Riley's Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, call Charles Jackson, Fort Riley suicide prevention training coordinator, at the Family and Soldier Support Center, 239-9434 or 239-1012.

Laundry services provided on post

The laundry Drop Off/Pick Up Point for services provided by PENN Enterprises, Inc. is located at Building 229, the old commissary, on Custer Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

These services are offered to all military personnel for cleaning of most Central Issue Facility items and are turned around within three days.

When CIF items are cleaned using PENN's services, a cleaning Soldier need only present their laundry receipt in order to CIF to automatically accept the equipment.

Red Cross bridges distance between families

By Sgt. Nicole Kojetin
1st Cav. Div. PAO

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Communication can be a challenge while deployed, especially when a Soldier is living in a newly established joint security station or combat outpost.

But there is a solution; the American Red Cross is a bridge between Families and troops.

"When a birth, death or illness occurs, or when a Family requests financial help or a health and welfare contact, they can contact their nearest Red Cross chapter to be put in touch with a military case-worker," said Susanne Harlandt, a Red Cross assistant station manager.

Contact information important

When Family members contact the Red Cross they need to be prepared to provide them with the servicemember's name, rank, social security number and unit both at home and deployed. According to Harlandt, who has been working with the Red Cross for six years, the ideal address would include the company, battalion, brigade, and division.

On the other side, commanders need to ensure the Red Cross has the correct contact information for their unit, she said.

"When new units arrive, it is imperative the Red Cross is kept informed. Also it is (essential the office) is given the unit designations and all contact numbers, for both day and night, so that we can deliver their messages as soon as we receive them," said Harlandt who deployed to Iraq from Kaiserslautern, Germany.

All this information assists in

getting in touch with the Soldier faster.

"I have to tell you that we have become very good detectives, and have had major success in locating personnel, whose messages arrived with their military address being: 'Somewhere in Iraq,' Harlandt said. "Yes, we can ultimately service even those, but precious time is lost, and sometimes that time can be the difference of making it back home in time or not."

In any sort of emergency, the Red Cross is a tool to get communications started and it can start from in theater or back in the states.

"One fact that most servicemembers do not realize, is that they do not have to wait for a message to arrive from home," Harlandt said. "In this day and age, where e-mail and the dissemination of news are faster than light, they often are aware of a situation before the command informs them."

This makes the process faster if the Soldier is planning on leaving the theater on an emergency leave. Though the Red Cross does not make decisions about whether a Soldier can take emergency leave, the message itself is often used in the decision making process.

One common message, that isn't necessarily an emergency, is about the birth of a child. But when the Soldier is the father, the Red Cross can help with syncing the Soldier's leave with the event.

"If the couple is trying to arrange the Soldier's R and R leave to coincide with the baby's birth, we do send pre-birth messages that have a complete doctor's interpretive statement," she said. "That is the diagnosis, prognosis, current condition, life expectancy, and the doctor's recommendation for presence. (The



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Suzanne Sigurdssen, Sharron Gilkey, Susanne Harlandt sit on a throne for a group photo at the Multi-National Corps – Iraq headquarters building at Camp Victory, Iraq. The three women, who call themselves "S3," are the Red Cross Team for Baghdad. They receive emergency messages and ensure that the Soldiers receive them.

DIS should) give the command and Soldier all the info they need to make the leave arrangements."

The Red Cross doesn't just deal with medical incidents. Family members can also request a "health and welfare contact."

"H and Ws typically come from family members who are concerned for the safety of their loved ones," she said. "It may stem from a lengthy, out of the ordinary, absence of contact from the Soldier, or from a need to re-

establish communications after an extremely long lapse of silence."

Harlandt said frequently H and W requests will be generated due to an unofficial notice from the theater about an accident or injury.

"We do remind units that, if they prefer not to get so many H and Ws, all they have to do is encourage their Soldiers to contact home periodically – if nothing else, just to let family know they are alive and well," she said.

Open 24/7

Most messages end with the Soldier contacting their family. The Red Cross also delivers emergency messages to Department of Defense contractors and civilians deployed in the theater as well.

Training for leadership also is available.

"We like to present briefs to commands that may not be completely versed in the message process," she said. "Many of our briefs are presented in a sidewalk situation. For example, I went to get some coffee the other day, and two (Kellogg, Brown and Root) employees stopped me and asked me to explain the message process as it relates to them."

Harlandt said she doesn't mind those chance encounters. The Camp Liberty office conducts 24-hour operations and the three women running the shop call themselves "S3," since their first names all begin with the letter S.

"We are on duty 24/7," she said. "In fact, when we are off shift, we must still wear Red Cross attire like T-shirts and jackets that indicate who we are. The visibility in common areas like the (Post Exchange) allow servicemembers to stop us any time, any place for help, or to just talk. Many of them do just that."

Marine wife, DoD officials reflect on Military Spouse Day

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – After being "married to the military" for almost two decades, Angela Conboy has experienced her share of ups and downs and absences and reunions.

When she stops to add it all up, Conboy figures that her husband, Marine 1st Sgt. Kevin Conboy, has been deployed seven of the 17 years they've been married. Out of the last two years alone, he's been gone 14 months. He returned home to Camp Lejeune, N.C., in March after his most recent deployment, to Anbar province, Iraq.

Standing at her husband's side May 10 while he received a SemperParas Award for his morale-boosting activities during that deployment, Conboy took time to reflect on the role she and other military spouses play in supporting the military.

Like most military spouses, Conboy downplays any insinuation that she's doing anything more than simply standing behind

the man she loves.

"They have it a lot harder than we do," she said of her husband and his fellow troops. "He's the one getting dirty and not getting showers. I'm the one who's here living my own normal life."

While her husband is gone, Conboy strives to keep her home life stable for the couple's 15-year-old son. "I know that's important, so I try to keep things as normal as possible for him," she said.

She talks with her husband as frequently as possible, filling him in on what's happening at home and reassuring him that all is well. She admits to putting on a happy face so he doesn't have to wonder how the family is doing without him.

"You just have to be positive," he said. "I focus on supporting him and trying to be strong and not letting him know that we're worrying about him."

But in truth, Conboy said, she spends his deployments "hoping and praying" her husband and his comrades are safe, never giving up the vigil until they return. Only then, when she knows they're

home, can she let that guard down.

"The best feeling in the world is seeing that bus come around the corner (from the airfield) and them coming home," she said.

Conboy may pooh-pooh her and other military spouses' contribution to the military, but military and defense officials say they understand it clearly.

President Bush issued a proclamation May 10 commemorating May 11 as Military Spouse Appreciation Day to honor military spouses who "inspire our nation with their sense of duty and deep devotion to our country."

The president recognized the sacrifices spouses and family

members make every day to support the force.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, issued a message May 11 praising spouses for the "quiet strength and untold support" they provide.

"Through long deployments, you sustain our morale with your letters, e-mails and the comforting knowledge that your thoughts and prayers are always with us," he said. "While we're away, you maintain a sense of stability for our families, providing a constant foundation despite daily challenges and unspoken worries."

When we get tired, you dust us off, and put us back into the fight."

Pace recognized that spouses are slow to accept recognition for what they do. "When we come home and receive recognition, you stand in the background and pretend you had nothing to do with that success," he said.

Navy Secretary Donald C. Winter noted that although it's the Soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who signs up for military duty, it's often that person's wife or hus-

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Taking inventory

Spc. Scotty Lamb (front) and Spc. Mike Kaiser inventory a drawer's contents in one of the new Shop Equipment Contact Maintenance vehicles while Spc. Donald Lemon checks them off the hand receipt. The Soldiers from Headquarters Support Company, 601st Aviation Support Battalion were inventorying one of the 16 new SECMs the Combat Aviation Brigade received May 10.

The \$72,000 vehicle is a service station on wheels. It's equipped with a full complement of hand and pneumatic tools, an air compressor, welder, cutting torch, lights, and more. Five kilowatts of electrical power is supplied by the Humvee's generator through a power inverter. The SECM will allow brigade mechanics to fix vehicles on convoys instead of towing them back to base during their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

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band who will be the key to how successful that service will be.

"The support of our military spouses is critical to our service members," he said.

Winter said it's fitting that the first Friday in May be set aside to

formally recognize the contribution military spouses make.

Troops, too, say they recognize the important role their spouses play, particularly while they're deployed.

"When you know you have their support, you can have the

right head on your shoulders and concentrate on your mission,"

said Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Wright, a reservist who recently returned from a deployment near Ramadi, Iraq. "It gives you focus."

'Dragon' Soldiers vie for spot in Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div. PAO

BAGHDAD — Audie Leon Murphy was the United States' most decorated service member during World War II. Murphy received every medal for valor the Army awards, in addition to one Belgian and one French medal. Today, his memory is carried on through the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, which requires special induction by a board of senior noncommissioned officers.

The Audie Murphy Board was held by the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division's brigade and battalion sergeants major at Forward Operating Base Falcon April 29.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Foreman, sergeant major of the 4th IBCT's Special Troops Battalion, said the Audie Murphy Board is the esteem the accomplishment carries.

"Regular promotion boards are more personal, there's more money and there's more rank," Foreman said. "For this board, there's no money, no rank. It's about prestige."

Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields, the sergeant major of 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., said being invited to the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is a huge compliment to a noncommissioned officer.

"The Sergeant Audie Leon Murphy Board is unique that it separates an average NCO from a superb NCO," Fields said. "A superb NCO goes beyond his regular duties and does them without being asked."

"He is truly the 'Backbone of the Army'."

The board mirrored the fact that Murphy, who was too short and young to join most of the armed services except the Army, had to work diligently to overcome his small stature to become the best.

Sgt. Kevin Dick, a satellite operation and maintenance team leader with Company C, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th IBCT, 1st Inf. Div., was one of four out of 17 nominees who proved to be a superb NCO. The Henderson, Nev., native said he placed a lot of stress on himself to do well.

"It was without a doubt the most nerve-racking experience I've been in," Dick said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself for it."

Dick said when he found out he had gained admittance to the SAMC, the payoff made it worth the time he invested preparing.

"It kind of validates all the studying and all the things that I did to prepare because a lot of effort went into it," he said. "It was hard not to smile."

"I studied so hard for it and I wanted the people who supported me to know that I did well, I made

it, and their support was justified."

The board made the Soldiers think outside the box.

Sgt. Maj. Richard Cunningham, the operations sergeant major and acting command sergeant major for the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division attached to the 4th IBCT, said even the way Soldiers are judged in front of the SAMC Board is different.

"The Soldier is constantly on display," Cunningham said. "He's selling himself the entire time."

Cunningham said things he looks for while judging an aspiring member of the SAMC are the way he carries himself, his tone and enthusiasm while answering questions and the appearance of his uniform.

Such things reflect on the amount of pride the individual takes in himself and in his unit, Cunningham said.

Even the questions are different from regular boards, Cunningham said. The questions are more situational and require more thinking than simple memorization and regurgitation of facts.

"It makes you think," he said.

In addition to Dick, Staff Sgt. Douglas Middleton, Staff Sgt. Andrew Schmith, and Staff Sgt. Ryan Whitebull of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division passed the SAMC Board.

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Sports news briefly

Fishing event scheduled

Disabled veterans, Soldiers and their family members from Fort Riley and surrounding communities are invited to the first Wheelin' N' Reelin' fishing event.

The fun will begin at 10 a.m. June 2 at Fort Riley's Moon Lake.

The facility will be handicapped accessible and fishing equipment will be provided.

For more information, call 239-6398.

Baseball sign-up in progress

Registration for Start Smart Baseball began May 7 and will continue until May 25 at Child and Youth Services, Central Enrollment and Registration, Bldg. 6620.

The registration fee is \$20 per child. All children wishing to participate in Start Smart Baseball must be enrolled through CVS and their yearly \$18 (up to \$40 maximum per family) registration fee paid.

Start Smart is an instructional program for children between the ages of 3 and 4 and their parents.

The program is designed to prepare children for organized team sports in a fun, non-stressful environment.

Start Smart Baseball will meet between June 4 and July 9. The program will be held Mondays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School/Teen Center.

All players should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. All other equipment will be provided.

For more information or to register, call 239-4847.

Youth soccer sign-up open

Help your child beat the heat this summer by signing them up for Youth Sports and Fitness indoor soccer league.

Registration will be from May 7 to 25 at Child and Youth Services, Central Enrollment and Registration, Bldg. 6620.

The league is for youth completing second through eighth grades and there is a \$20 registration fee per child and \$16 for each additional child with a maximum of \$40 per family.

All participants must have a sports physical form on file, dated on or after July 31, 2006, at the time of registration.

The league breakdown will be: Pinto, second and third grades; Mustang, fourth and fifth grades; and Bronco, sixth through eighth grades. Volunteer coaches also are needed.

For more information, call Youth Sports and Fitness at 239-9223.

BOSS sets golf tourney

Gather your four-man team for the BOSS Rusty Club Golf Tournament May 25 at the Custer Hill Golf Course.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$100 for a team of four.

Call 239-8147 for additional information.

On the run



Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, speaks with the Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team May 10 in front of brigade headquarters after their first brigade run since their modularization ceremony in April.

1st Inf. Div./Vega

Brigade run celebrates accomplishments

By Pfc. Francisca Vega

1st Inf. Div. PAO

The weather cleared up May 10 on Custer Hill for the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's first brigade run since their modularization ceremony in April.

Dressed in his physical training uniform and reflective belt, Pfc. Chester, the

brigade mascot, led about 2,500 Soldiers from six battalions the four miles circling the hill's physical training area. A cannon blast kicked off the run in front of 3rd HBCT's headquarters. Col. Norbert Jocz, brigade commander, joined brigade staff to set the pace for the run as the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment "Stalwarts" and 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment "Thunderbolts" followed, matching their

pace. The 1st Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment "Dakotas," 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment "Gunsners," 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion "Greyhounds," and 125th Brigade Support Battalion "Atlas" were not far behind.

"I believe brigade runs build cohesion

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Game wardens earn awards for investigating poachers

By Anna Staatz

Staff writer

It has been a busy year for Fort Riley game wardens. During the past year, the office worked hundreds of wildlife cases, 12 of which turned out to be significant poaching cases.

The department was recently recognized by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for assisting with the investigation and prosecution of three poaching cases that occurred off post.

"We had a very, very busy and active year this year," said Tom Duckworth, game warden. "Of the 12 cases that I would call significant, we had three in which the investigation was initiated by officers here and through that investi-

gation it was revealed the offense occurred off post."

Even though the cases occurred outside of Fort Riley's boundaries, they had ties to the post in several ways – either the people involved were stationed at Fort Riley or the animal showed up on the base. In one case involving an elk, the offense occurred just

Hunter info

• Regulations that apply to hunting and fishing in Kansas are enforced on Fort Riley. If in doubt, contact the Fort Riley Game Warden Section at 239-8940.

• Information on regulations and safety classes can be found on the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Web site. Licenses and permits for hunting and fishing can also be purchased online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

yards beyond the post's boundaries.

On average, the department will have eight to 15 cases a year significant enough to pursue into prosecution, Duckworth said. He noted that the game warden section worked with state and federal

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Post/Staatz

Tom Duckworth, Sgt. Lucas Wenger, and Chris Wood show off awards won by the Fort Riley Game Warden Section. The awards were received for the department's efforts in helping to investigate off-post poaching cases.

Badgers common throughout post training areas

By Gibran Suleiman

Fish and Wildlife Biologist

America's Army takes great pride in its undaunted courage in the face of battle, its ability to survive in harsh conditions and its resourcefulness. All of these attributes could also be used to describe a common resident of Fort Riley's prairies, the American badger.

The American badger (Taxidea taxus) is a member of the mustelid, or weasel, family. Other members of the family include skunks and otters. Many mustelids use strong smelling

secretions for defense. The American badger lives throughout the Western United States and ranges into Canada.

Although they are rarely spotted on Fort Riley, they are fairly common throughout the training areas.

Badgers are known for their incredible digging abilities – there are even stories of badgers



Gibran Suleiman

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digging through asphalt. They excavate a number of simple burrows throughout their home range which is about two square kilometers. They also modify existing burrows of other animals to suit their needs. Most badger dens are 12 to 15 feet in length and are 6-feet deep. Dens are used for raising young, resting, hibernating and caching food.

The diet of the American badger is almost entirely carnivorous. Common prey for badgers includes small rodents, rabbits, reptiles and

ground-nesting birds and eggs. In the summer badgers take advantage of the abundance of insects such as grasshoppers. In the event a large prey item is obtained badgers will cache any leftover portions in a chamber in their burrow.

The American badger mates in late summer or early fall. Like many mustelids they undergo delayed implantation. The fertilized egg does not implant onto the uterus until late winter. At that point a six-week gestation period ensues. Female badgers

typically give birth to two or three young, but up to five have been documented. Newborn badgers are born blind and helpless. Their eyes will open at around five weeks. The mother starts to bring in solid food items for her offspring after the seventh week.

Female badgers can become sexually mature as early as 4 months of age, while males take closer to a year to mature. Young badgers typically suffer a high rate of mortality their first two years of life, with starvation posing the biggest threat. Badgers have been known

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Sports news briefly

Volleyball registration set

Registration began May 7 for two volleyball camps hosted by Youth Sports and Fitness for students entering grades five through eight.

Volleyball camp for students entering grades five and six will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. August 6 through 10.

Youth in grades seven and eight will begin camp on August 6 and continue until August 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The registration fee is \$20 and students must be enrolled through Child and Youth Services to participate. A sports physical dated on or after August 10, 2006 is required to register for the volleyball camps.

For more information, call Youth Sports and Fitness at 239-9223.

Canoe, camping trip slated

Join Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center for their Canoe and Camping Trip May 25 and 26.

The trip will include canoeing on the Blue and Kansas Rivers with one night of camping under the stars.

The \$45 per person fee includes two meals, canoe, paddles and personal flotation devices.

Participants will leave from the Outdoor Recreation Center at 4 p.m. May 25.

For additional information contact the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2249.

Individuals must attend a pre-trip meeting at 4 p.m. May 21 to participate.

GC tourney set at golf course

Bring your four-man team to Custer Hill Golf Course May 18 for the Garrison Commander's Spring Classic. The event will kick-off at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. The \$40 per person fee includes green fees, cart rental and food.

The classic is open to the first 30 teams to register. Call the Custer Hill Golf Course at 784-6000 for additional information.

Lunchtime class offered at pool

Skip the burger and fries and join Fort Riley's aquatic staff for a "liquid lunch" every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This 45 minute high intensity class will boost cardiovascular endurance and strengthen and tone muscles.

All water fitness classes are \$2.50 per session or \$20 for 10 sessions with a punch card.

Call 239-9441 for more information or to order a punch card.

Classes will be instructed at Long Pool until renovations are complete at Eyster Pool.

Aquatic classes cancelled

Due to renovations at Eyster Pool, all Fort Riley aquatic fitness classes will be cancelled until the facility is available for use.

For more information, contact 239-9441.

Registration open for classes

Registration is now open for Junior Golf and Gymnastics Summer Camps through SKIES Unlimited.

Junior Golf classes will be held at the Fort Riley golf course.

Lessons cost \$60 and will be divided into the following categories.

5:15-6 p.m., Tuesday - 6 to 10 year olds

5:15-6 p.m., Thursday - 11 to 18 year olds

Sessions run from July 10 to August 16 and August 28 to October 4.

Gymnastics Summer Camp classes will be taught at Child & Youth Services, Building 6620 beginning in June.

Lessons cost \$45 for 3 to 6 year olds and \$55 for 7 to 15 year olds.

Sessions run from June 11 to 15, June 25 to 29, July 9 to 13 and July 23 to 27

Participants must be registered with CYS to enroll in classes.

Sports physicals are required to participate in gymnastics.

For more information, call 239-4723.

Swim for Life II open at pool

Swim from Kaua'i island to Hawaii without ever leaving Fort Riley! All Department of Defense civilians on Fort Riley are encouraged to enroll in Swim 4 My Life II. The program is free and prizes will be given once individuals reach specified distances.

Participants' distances will be tracked by Fort Riley aquatic staff.

For additional information, or to enroll in the upcoming Swim 4 My Life program call 239-9441.

Outdoor rec rents shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting. The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2363.

New archery range to open on post

By Anna Staats
Staff writer

Archery lovers soon will have a place to hone their skills at Fort Riley. A static range and 3-D range near Camp Funston are the result of a project started late last fall by Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Young, 166th Av-

iation Brigade.

The ranges are located behind Building 1020, the Environmental Conservation Office and will open in the next few weeks. The static range, with traditional targets in lanes ranging from 10 to 60 meters, can be used anytime. The 3-D range will be used either monthly or semi-monthly during announced shoots.

Young said there would be 30

lanes during the 3-D shoots, with each lane featuring a different scenario, target and length of shot. The targets include 3-D turkeys, mountain lions, mountain goats and others.

"It's too bad I won't be here to enjoy it more than once or twice," Young said. "I'll get to Fort Carson (Colo.) and have to start working on getting one all over again."

Young is leaving Fort Riley soon to become command sergeant major of 1st Army Division West and Fort Carson.

Some details in regards to using the range – such as if there will be a charge and hours of use – are still being worked out, Young said. Additional information on using the range can be obtained by calling the Fort Riley Environmental Conservation Office at 239-6211.



1st Inf. Div./166th

The Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team "quick-time" their way through the grass May 10 immediately after their four-mile run around Custer Hill in celebration of having no negative discipline actions over the Easter holiday weekend.

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among one another," said Sgt. Charles Hall, a track-wheel mechanic for Company E, 125th BSB. "It helps motivate Soldiers to excel at their run."

"I was a bit tired after the run," said Pvt. Vaughn Smith, a cannon crewmember from Battery A, 4th Bn., 1st FA Regt. "It was the first time I've ran in a month and a half because of an ankle injury from Basic (Combat Training). If it wasn't for so many people I probably wouldn't have made it," he continued. "I wanted to give up at one point, but I noticed that I just kept going."

"I feel a lot more motivated when running with the brigade because everyone's with you," said Pfc. Steve Errisuriz, a light-

wheel vehicle mechanic from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, STB. "The reason why it was so motivating is because you had the general and sergeant majors out there – basically, everyone in your chain of command out there running with you."

Many in the brigade shared this feeling.

"Having the chain of command running in the formation made it feel like they were with us and not just telling us to do something," Smith said.

At the end of the run, with the brigade back in formation, Chester was called front and center to receive his promotion from Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, com-

manding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

Chester's promotion was denied, however, when the Soldiers of the brigade announced Chester had cut corners and performed poorly overall during the run.

After learning of his conduct during the run, Jocz and Ham held an on-the-spot promotion board with the Soldiers serving as members of the board.

After taking a vote, Chester was again denied his promotion, sending a message that cutting corners is not the Bulldog way.

"I can't believe it," said Jocz, who shot a broad smile and a look of disbelief to Ham after the Soldiers returned to their formation.

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to live up to 14 years in the wild. A captive specimen was documented living 26 years.

Badgers are primarily active during the night but occasionally are active during daytime hours. Adults live a solitary lifestyle. On the occasion two badgers encounter each other in their overlapping territories a fight typically ensues. Badgers do not undergo a true form of hibernation in the winter; they do however, enter a state of semi-dormancy. The majority of the winter is spent below ground in their burrows in a depressed state, but they will emerge periodically for short periods of activity.

The badger is a true survivor of the plains, living a secretive and simple lifestyle. It has survived the many drastic changes the prairie has undergone throughout time. Next time you find yourself walking through the prairie, keep your eyes open and you might get lucky. To see a badger stand up on its hind feet and take a peek at you through the prairie grasses before disappearing is a memory not easily forgotten.

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Soldiers get away from it all in heart of Baghdad

By Spc. L.B. Edgar
7th MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers shouldering the load of battlefield operations are not always afforded the luxury of rest and relaxation. When they do receive a break to decompress, they try to make the most of the opportunity. Enter Freedom Rest, an oasis in the center of the Iraqi capital which affords Soldiers the opportunity to escape the stressors of life on the front line of the Global War on Terrorism.

With the additional three months of service mandated for all active duty Soldiers, the ability to escape, if for even just a few days, is more appreciated than ever. Freedom Rest allows just such a getaway.

While partaking in some rest and relaxation at the facility, Soldiers may wear civilian attire, lock their weapons up and cut loose for four days of recuperation.

Located in the International Zone, Freedom Rest allows Soldiers to take a break from it all without leaving the Operation Iraqi Freedom theater of operations. The only challenge at Freedom Rest is deciding what to do.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff schedules various events including basketball, flag football, poker, dodgeball, karaoke, tug of war and a big splash competition. The staff photographs and video tapes Soldiers enjoying themselves and then provides them with a CD to remember the experience.

A complimentary Internet café provides 24-hour service as well as wireless service. Soldiers can speak with friends and Family at no cost and record video messages on DVDs to send home. For Soldiers who are parents, an



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Billings, Mo., native Sgt. Robert Fisher, 28, a turret mechanic with Forward Support Company G, attached to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, jumps from the 30-foot high-diver into the pool as a spectator watches from the 10-foot high dive during the Big Splash competition at Freedom Rest April 10.

assortment of children's books is available. The books may be read to the camera, so children can watch the DVDs as a bedtime story.

For active Soldiers, there is a certified personal trainer on site. A combat stress team and chaplain meet incoming Soldiers on their arrival and remain available by appointment during Soldiers' entire stay. The typical services for Soldiers also are present, including a Post Exchange and barber shop.

Despite the many enticing amenities at Freedom Rest, it's more than just a resort for some Soldiers who carry more than their rucksack through the doors.

It's a chance for Soldiers to take a step back from the combat zone and live like there were no improvised explosive devices to spot, explosively formed projectiles to fear or battle buddies who would not be making the trip home.

For Spc. Corey Kupiec, a native of Worcester, Mass., a loss in the U.S. was the impetus for his visit to Freedom Rest.

"I had a friend back home commit suicide two weeks ago. I think that is why they (his command) sent me out here, to kind of let me not think about it and relax," the 22-year-old said.

In Baghdad, on Forward Operating Base Falcon, death is not an uncommon visitor for Kupiec,

who is assigned to Troop D, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. Ten days before, a medic died during operations conducted by Kupiec's company, he said.

In addition to loss, both near and far, the all-wheel mechanic sees the value of a break from the

action now and then.

"You just get stressed out sometimes. You feel like you're a grenade and your pin is going to pop sometimes. You don't want to freak out and do something stupid, so you just need some time to relax," said Kupiec, who was deployed in October. "A lot of guys deal with the stress differently."

Many of the Soldiers in Kupiec's company are merely teenagers, straight out of high school, who have never lived on their own, let alone deployed to a war zone and have been relatively sheltered in life, he said.

"They need some time to kick back, relax and realize it's not the end of the world coming to Iraq," Kupiec said.

Relaxation is really what the MWR staff are employed to provide.

"We're here to make sure you have a good time. We want you to relax," said Craig Miller, a certified personal trainer at Freedom Rest.

Originally, the Freedom Rest facility served Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard as an officers' club. The villas Soldiers occupy today housed Iraqi officers prior to 2003. After the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the 1st Armored Division opened the facility to Multi-National Division — Baghdad Soldiers in October 2003. Since then, Freedom Rest has hosted more than 35,000 Soldiers, said Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Sanders, the facility's noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

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"We really try to take care of the Soldier and we have nothing but good times scheduled for the Soldier," said the native of Williams Town, Ky. "When it comes time for them to leave, they don't want to leave and all they say is that I hope to get another chance to come back to Freedom Rest."

More than just a resort for Soldiers to enjoy themselves, Freedom Rest is a tool for commanders to use.

"I want leadership to know about Freedom Rest and be able to send their Soldiers here. Even though they say they're not able to lose a Soldier for four days, this is a prime opportunity for Soldiers to be totally refreshed," Sanders said. "It's the only R & R facility within the Iraqi theater, so it allows the leadership to send their Soldiers for four days instead of losing them for nine if they go to Qatar (Freedom Rest offers everything Qatar has, sans the alcohol)."

Currently, only 45 percent of Freedom Rest's capacity is being utilized, meaning reservations are available despite the ongoing surge of troops into Baghdad, Sanders said.

Freedom Rest also hosts conferences and meetings. The Falaniko Inn is a six-bedroom and 16-bed house for units to come together in a living room atmosphere for team building or professional development, Sanders said.

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upgrades and the extension of the baby pool deck area.

All private pool parties will be hosted at the Main Post Pool between 6 and 10 p.m. Main Post Pool has partnered up with Riley's Conference Center to offer a variety of pool party packages that include catering.

Upcoming pool parties:
Hawaiian Luau — From 6 to 10 p.m. June 23 at Custer Hill Pool

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold its second annual luau. In addition to the returning games, treats, decorations and prizes there also will be a hog roast at this tropical celebration. Cost is \$10 per Family or \$5 for singles.

Fourth of July Freedom Fest — This patriotic party was such a hit last summer MWR will bring it back from 1 to 4 p.m. July 4. Cost for the Independence Day celebration is \$5 per Family or

\$2.50 for singles.

Besides pool parties, the Fort Riley pools also will offer both group, semi-private and private swimming lessons at Eysler Pool. Eysler Pool also will hold new water aerobic classes and swim clinics for both adults and children.

For more information on any of the Fort Riley pools, call Hedy Noveroske, swimming program manager at 239-3945.

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wildlife agencies as well as local law enforcement groups in cases that occurred off post.

"We work together very well," he said. "We have a nice record on what we've worked together to prosecute and had good outcomes."

The Fort Riley Game Warden Section consists of four members — Duckworth, civilian officers Chris Wood and Jason Harold and one Soldier, Sgt. Lucas Wenger. Duckworth has been with the department for 12 years — eight of them as the game warden. Wood and Harold are both Air Force veterans. Harold came to Fort Riley

from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Wood has prior experience as an air marshal and a deputy sheriff. Wenger has served two tours in Iraq and plans to leave the Army this fall to pursue a degree in natural resources.

"Those guys, I give them all the credit in the world," Duckworth said. "They're the guys out there beating the bushes and sniffing out these cases and making contacts that give us information."

The department patrols the more rural areas of Fort Riley's 100,000-plus acres. It is in charge of enforcing natural resource regulations — such as checking hunting and fishing licenses and permits. In addition, it enforces endangered species regulations (there are four endangered species on Fort Riley) and cultural resource laws, which involve protecting any historic artifacts found on post.

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Area meetings to be held

The Flint Hills region received a Planning Assistance Management Grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense to examine the impacts of expected growth in a wide range of areas due to the increase in population and economic activity at Fort Riley.

The planning team for the Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan will host a series of public meetings to present initial findings, gather feedback from residents, and determine the top priorities for the study.

The meetings will feature a town hall style interactive exercise that allows residents to vote on the concerns that matter most to them, creating an instant ranking of issues to study further.

A special focus of the meetings will be on maintaining a high quality of life in the Flint Hills region and providing access to good schools, parks, transportation, jobs, health care and affordable housing as area communities grow.

The dates, times, and locations for the public meetings are as follows.

Junction City – 7 to 9 p.m. May 21 at the Municipal Building gymnasium, 700 N. Jefferson St.

Wamego – 7 to 9 p.m. May 22 at the Wamego Senior Center, 501 Ash St.

Manhattan – 7 to 9 p.m. May 23 at the City Commission Room, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave.

For more information, call (404) 870-5339.

Talent auditions set in JC

Auditions for the Juneteenth Talent Contest will be held May 19 at the Larry Dixon Center, 920 W. Sixth St. in Junction City. Auditions for youth ages 13 through 18 will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. and for adults ages 19 and up from 4 to 6 p.m. Children ages 6 through 12 who were unable to attend May 12 auditions also may audition May 19. Participants should bring their own props.

For more information, call M.S. Walker at (785) 738-6195 or J. Pitts at (785) 238-4367.

Band to perform in Abilene

The 1st Infantry Division Band will perform May 18 at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene. The concert, which begins at 7 p.m., will take place on the east end of the Library campus. It is free and open to the public.

The event will feature the concert band, the premier ensemble of the 1st Infantry Division Band. Musical selections come from all genres of music from classical to popular.

Featured soloists include vocalist Staff Sgt. Renata Draper. The band also will perform traditional concert selections and marches.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

MySpace pages become virtual memorials

By April Blackmon
Community Relations

"Hey guys, still here in Iraq, hope to go home soon. Seems like I've been here forever. I really miss everybody, so write if you can, it gets lonely here sometimes."

Sp. Pete Navarro's simple profile has not changed since he last logged on Dec. 12, 2005 – one day before he was killed in

Iraq. Pictures and comments still pay tribute to his brother, Danny, who was killed earlier that year. Other photos depict his time in Iraq.

On Christmas Day 2005, just weeks after his death, friend Michelle Acosta left a comment on Navarro's page. It began, "I don't know why I am writing on your page because I know you won't be able to check it. But something tells me that maybe

you can hear my thoughts as I type this, and that somehow this message will still get to you..."

She said she wrote the message in hopes that it may reach him and to let him know he is not forgotten.

"I've left a few (messages) on his page because a part of me feels like he'll get the messages somehow," she said. "I sort of see Peter's MySpace page like a cyber memorial. It's as if those

that can't visit Peter's grave will leave messages on his page to let him know that he's still in everyone's hearts."

Almost two years after his death, Navarro's profile still receives comments from friends and loved ones.

"I think the fact that Peter's MySpace is still up, and still being viewed by many of our friends is nice," Acosta said. "For some, this MySpace page may be the

only thing a few of his friends may have left of Peter, aside from the memories."

Navarro's page isn't the only one that has become a virtual memorial.

Nearly a dozen pages on MySpace honor Fort Riley Soldiers killed in combat. Each page has become a place to grieve and to remember – filled with emo-

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School's out

Graduation Family affair at Fort Riley

By Sgt. Nicole Clarke
CAB PAO

Two members of the Lykes Family received their degrees along with 163 other graduates May 9 during the post-wide graduation ceremony at Riley's Conference Center.

Terrell Lykes received her Bachelor of Science degree in social science from Upper Iowa University while her daughter, 6-year-old Taryn received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Mary.

Taryn, a first-grader at Ware Elementary School, didn't complete the coursework for the degree, but accepted it on behalf of her father who did.

Her father, Chief Warrant Officer Elias Lykes, recently changed duty stations and wasn't able to attend the ceremony.

"We had Taryn accept the degree on her father's behalf because we wanted to stress how important education was," Terrell said.

Elias was just one of 18 individuals to earn a master's degree at the end of the spring semester.

Along with the 18 master's degrees, there were 23 bachelor's degrees, 123 associate's degrees and one Homeland Security Certificate.

"Her father and I went back to finish our degrees," Terrell said. "This is truly a family affair, and we are truly blessed."

The huge smile on Taryn's face was perhaps most noticeable as she posed with Dr. Dianne Fladeland, vice president of academic affairs at the University of Mary.

"Taryn was so excited; it was like this day was her day," Terrell said. "It was as if she was accomplishing this for her dad."

It took four years for Terrell to finish her degree but it took some people more than 10 years.

"For the individuals who took 10 years or more, you come from the 'School of Hard Knocks,'" said Brig. Gen. James

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Courtesy photo

Taryn Lykes, a first-grader at Ware Elementary School, accepts her father's master's degree from Dr. Dianne Fladeland, vice president of Academic Affairs, University of Mary, and Dr. Frederico Rodriguez, director of Education Services, May 9 during the post-wide graduation ceremony at Riley's Conference Center.

Student poem earns honors

9-year-old writes about father's deployment

By Anna Snaatz
Staff writer

For 9-year-old Giannah Ruark, writing is just something that she does. She does it so much, it was no big deal for her to sit down in the library one day at Ware Elementary School and write a poem. She probably didn't anticipate the response she would get.

The poem Giannah penned was about her father, Staff Sgt. Tristan Ruark, a member of the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Tristan is currently stationed at Forward Operating Base Rustamayah, in Baghdad, Iraq.

"Our daddy wears combat boots,

He has the cammies too,
And we all think it's really cool.

What our daddy has to do,"
From there, Giannah went on to describe her father's absence during deployment and his coming home.

"I like to go in the library and write things – mostly stories," Giannah said. "And one day, I wanted to write about what my dad does and I tried to make it rhyme."

Giannah showed her third-grade teacher, Ron James, what she had written. He liked it so much, he called her mother, Kara, and asked if he could submit it to Fox News for the Month of the Military Child. The poem was featured on the Fox News Web

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Stress management class helps spouses cope

By Julie Mitts
PAO Intern

Christina Bateast's husband is nearing the final three months of his 15-month deployment. Meanwhile, she is caring for her two children along with the child of another deployed Soldier – and awaiting the arrival of her third in August.

Explaining this during a new stress management class offered by Army Community Service, she said, "I think you can see why I'm here."

Bateast was one of several wives, and one husband, who met May 9 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. The class offers spouses of deployed Soldiers guidance on common stressors, and ways to recognize the signs of stress and reduce it.

More information

The next stress management class is scheduled for June 20. For more information or to register, call Army Community Service at 239-9435.

Betsy Young, mobilization and deployment program manager for ACS, said she knew there would be a need for the class when deployment extensions were announced.

"We'll provide dinner beforehand and activities for the kids while the spouses have discussions," she said. "All we need is the child's shot record for child care."

Along with stress management techniques, the group also spent time relaxing in a dark, quiet

room.

"They had us talk about our priorities, and how those make us feel," said Kelly Jones, whose husband is deployed with the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"It was great to have 20 minutes of no worries."

Her husband had prepared her for the possibility of an 18-month deployment, Bateast said, so she was not surprised by the extensions.

"But I miss him," she said. "It helps to talk to others who are going through the same thing."



PAO/Mitts

Spouses of deployed Soldiers speak to Sheri Parker, military and family life consultant, during a stress management class May 9 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. Spouses met to discuss common stressors and learn relaxation techniques.





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Juneteenth essay contest open

Essays are now being accepted for the Juneteenth Essay Contest. Essays should be no more than one and a half pages. The theme for the essay contest is "Why my mom or dad is the best mom or dad in Junction City or Fort Riley."

All essays must be postmarked by May 25 to be eligible. Prizes will be awarded for each category: first through fifth grades, sixth through eighth grades and ninth through 12th grades. Essays must include the writer's full name, evening phone number and a return address. Submissions can be hand written or typed in 12-point font.

To enter, send essays to Juneteenth Committee, P.O. Box 631, Ogden, KS 66517. Winners must be present at the Juneteenth celebration June 9 to win.

Reading program to hold kick-off

The Fort Riley's Summer Reading Program will kick off from noon to 5 p.m. May 26 with food, games, and finger and face painting.

This year's theme will be "Get a clue at your library" and will include weekly activities with new clues.

Children ages 2 to 16 are encouraged to participate. For additional information contact the Fort Riley Library at 239-5305.

Parenting workshops set

Fort Riley's Family Advocacy Program will be hosting "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," a two-day workshop for Spanish-speaking parents, June 12 and 13.

The workshops will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 726.

The workshops will be instructed by a Family Advocacy specialist and Spanish-speaking facilitator.

For additional information or to register call 239-9435.

Youth auditions set for theater

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Child and Youth Services are proud to welcome the Missoula Children's Theater back to Fort Riley for another wonderful theater production.

This year's play will be "The Wiz of the West" and roles are available for children entering 1st through 12th grades.

Group auditions will begin at 9 a.m. June 11 at the Middle School Teen Center gymnasium.

Character roles are available for 50 children; there is no guarantee everyone will be cast in the play.

Participation in the theater production is free and rehearsals will be conducted daily from 9 to 11 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m. June 11 to 16. Not all cast members will be required at each rehearsal.

Two performances are scheduled at 3 and 7 p.m. June 16 at the Middle School Teen Center

gymnasium.

For additional information call 239-4723.

Spider-Man to speak on post

Spider-Man will speak to the community about bullying and child abuse prevention June 15. The first event will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Twelfth Street, Junction City Community Center Summer Program. An evening event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Long Gym, Building 8069 at Fort Riley. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 239-9435.

WWII vets set to visit

Kansas State University alumni who are Veterans of World War II will be on Fort Riley June 6. Activities will include a memorial ceremony at 3 p.m. at Main Post Chapel. The short ceremony will honor the sacrifices of those who served during WWII and will include speeches by Chap. (Maj. Gen.) Orris Kelly, a former Army chief of chaplains, and Chap. (Col.) Thomas Day, the installation chaplain.

Realtor program offered on post

Fort Riley's Housing Services Office has partnered with the Junction City Board of Realtors and the Manhattan Association of Realtors to provide Fort Riley Soldiers and their Families with information regarding the home buying process. This free, no obligation service offers information on the availability of homes for sale in the Fort Riley area. This Realtor presence at the Housing Services Office serves as an informational resource. They are here to assist you in the process of settling into your new surroundings quickly and efficiently. Volunteers will be available to answer your questions and provide information on the following:

- Home purchasing: Where and how to do it start?
- Mortgage application procedures
- Current interest rates
- Various loan types
- The local housing market

Stop in and visit the Housing Office from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Carr Hall, Building 45 on Main Post.

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The Red Cross will hold its annual summer youth program for volunteers ages 15 to 21 who want to volunteer in the hospital or vet clinic at Fort Riley. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. June 4 on the fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital in the EPD conference room.

Volunteers ages 13 to 17 can register at 1 p.m. June 4 at the Army Community Services training room.

All volunteers need to sign up with the Red Cross office between May 7 and 25. For more information, call 239-1887.

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tional comments left by scores of friends and Family members. Whether it's a simple "rest in peace, we love you man" comment to full paragraphs, the pages have given many another outlet to grieve.

"G" I was just thinking bout you and I had no idea I'm filled with sorrow. I just can't breathe! It's like a slap in the face...really it is...UNREAL it is to me. I just said hi to you the other day! I can't believe I won't be able to see you again," wrote one friend on Sgt. Curtis Glawson's page. Nearly two months after his death March 20, Glawson's widow, Family and friends continued to leave comments.

Even fellow Soldiers still in Iraq stop by and leave a few words to their fallen comrades. "We are going to keep the fight going for you buddy. RIP," Pfc. Aaron Alley wrote on Spec. Christopher North's profile. North was killed April 21.

The comments left by loved ones, as well as the pages themselves say a lot about these Soldiers' lives.

Navarro's comrades, Staff Sgt. Michael Zyla, Sgt. Brian Karim and Spec. James Kesinger also were killed Dec. 13, 2005. Their MySpace profiles still exist. Zyla's profile, with a Superman logo in background, boasts photos of his son. It lists he's "in the Army (and) probably will be 'till I retire. I am a tank commander by

day and a human by night. I just like to have fun."

Karim's page said he prefers cappuccino over coffee, he wants to go to college and his biggest fear is "die-n slow."

"Doc" Kesinger wrote in his Nov. 18, 2005 blog that he "Can't wait to get home to my new wife and my new son." His simple green and yellow profile showed he too logged in the day before he was killed.

And that's the way these profiles will always look.

Inactive accounts are not deleted, nor are others being allowed take control of a deceased user's account, because of privacy concerns, according to MySpace officials.

So as long as MySpace exists, Soldiers like Pfc. Aaron Genevie, killed April 16, will still be "patrolling Iraq."

Sgt. Jonathan Kingman, "the Godfather," killed Jan. 20, will still "enjoy leading Soldiers," hate opera and consider his children his heroes.

The "countdown until I come home" ticker on Pfc. Jay Cajimat's profile (killed April 6) will still tick.

Genevie's headline will always bear the saying, "It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag."

And Navarro will like to meet "God, so I can ask him what the deal is."

Knights of Columbus council forms on post

By Anna Staatz

Staff writer

The Fort Riley council of the Knights of Columbus received its official charter April 22. Chap. (Capt.) Vincent Manuel, former installation priest, said he counted the charter as one of the biggest accomplishments he helped to facilitate during his time at Fort Riley.

Manuel left Fort Riley May 4 to go to Fort Rucker, Ala., where he will serve as installation priest.

"Starting the Knights of Columbus was important," Manuel said. "I am very opti-

More information

The Fort Riley council of the Knights of Columbus meets the third Sunday of each month at St. Mary's Chapel. For more information, call James Douglas at (785) 762-5042. To join, men must be at least 18 and a practicing Catholic.

mistic about its future."

The Knights of Columbus is the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church. It works to provide aid and assistance to members and their families, as well as other causes, such as charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief projects,

DoD blocks Internet site to protect grid

By Jim Garamone
APPS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is blocking access to many popular Internet sites from department-owned computers due to bandwidth issues, U.S. Strategic Command officials said today.

Joint Task Force Global Network Operations, which directs the operation and defense of the Defense Department's global information grid to assure timely and secure capabilities in support of the department's warfighting, intelligence, and business missions, blocked 12 popular sites on government computers today.

The sites are: youtube.com, pandora.com, photoalbum.com, myspace.com, live365.com, hi5.com, metacafe.com, mtv.com, ifilm.com, blackplanet.com, stupidvideos.com and filecabi.com.

The popularity of the sites has not affected operations yet, but blocking them prevents them from causing such a prob-

lem, officials said. "It is a proactive measure: we do not want a problem with demand for these sites clogging the networks," a U.S. Strategic Command official said.

The blocks affect only Defense Department computers and local area networks that are part of the department's global information grid. The department has more than 15,000 local and regional networks and more than 5 million computers in the grid.

Department officials stress they are not making a judgment about the sites. Blocking the sites "is in no way a comment on the content, purpose or uses of the Web sites themselves," the official said. "It is solely a bandwidth/network management issue."

Officers with a need to access these sites from government computers can request exceptions to the policy. Global network operations officials will continue to assess the stresses and strains on the global information grid, and may add or subtract sites as needed, officials said.

Riley because he felt it would benefit members of the Catholic parish on post.

"All I knew was that where the Knights of Columbus were, those parishes really thrive," he said.

The Fort Riley council received its charter with 30 members. Manuel said he was confident it would grow. The Grand Knight of the council is James Douglas, of Junction City. Manuel said it would take some time before the council at Fort Riley became as visible as other Knights of Columbus chapters in Junction City and Manhattan, but that those accomplishments would come with time.

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site and also won a writing contest sponsored by Unified School District 475.

Kara said Tristan was surprised and excited by his daughter's poem.

"He didn't realize she felt the way she did," Kara said. "He was gone for 15 months and then home for the last three deployment, and I think he didn't realize she's a big girl and she looks at it (being a Soldier) from a big kid's

perspective."

Kara said she cried after reading what Giannah had written.

"She's a tough kid and she doesn't tell us what she's feeling," Kara said. "But she writes a lot."

Giannah is a big sister to two siblings, Gabrielah, 6, and Jonah, 2. Besides writing, Giannah said she loves to tap dance.

Giannah's poem can be viewed online at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,264081,00.html>.

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Riley's sets dance night

Come to Riley's Conference Center from 6 to 10 p.m. June 1 for an evening of western food and line dancing.

The \$10.95 reservation fee will include a salad, entrée, side dish and desert.

Music will be provided by DJ Big Daddy Brooks and a cash bar will be available.

Reservations will be accepted until May 25 and tables will be arranged for requested group size.

A complimentary Sunday ticket to the Country Stampede will be provided with each ticket purchased.

For additional information contact Riley's Conference Center at 784-1000.

BOSS to hold car wash

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program will be conducting a benefit car wash beginning at 8 a.m. June 2 at the Fort Riley Post Exchange.

Donations will be accepted during the car wash to benefit the program.

For more information call, 239-8147.

Summer camp open to youth

Operation Purple camps offer a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently or will be deployed. This year more than 40 weeks of camps will be held at 34 locations in 26 states. Campers from all service branches will gather together to experience a memorable week of fun and adventure with a focus on learning coping skills to better deal with a parent's deployment.

For more information on Operation Purple camps or to download an application packet, visit the National Military Family Association Web site at www.nmfa.org.

Center to hold appreciation day

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center will thank their customers with a Customer Appreciation Day from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 18.

Complimentary food and beverages will be provided to participants with a valid shop and ID card.

For more information call 239-9764.

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Soldiers, students commemorate fallen

By Spc. Theresa Wiersgalla
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Students from Junction City's Sheridan Elementary School held a moment of silence May 9 at Coronado Park to honor Soldiers past and present.

The students shared a hot dog lunch with their Soldiers from the 101st Forward Support Battalion. After lunch all of the students lined up one behind the other. In one hand each student held a buddy's hand, in the other they held flags – some were regular miniature flags and some were colorful paper ones made in class.

The students walked to Coronado Park while Spc. Dana McCall, a 101st FSB, supply clerk, led them in a cadence.

They had learned and prepared the cadence with the help of their teachers and their school's music teacher Alexis Fake, said Gretchen Westerhaus, Sheridan kindergarten teacher.

"We love our Soldiers and we share."

"We show concern and we are fair."

"Sheridan students really care."

"Sound off." "We care."

"Sound off." "We share."

"Sound off." "We're fair."

Carol Settgast, Sheridan Elementary School's librarian, had discovered the cadence more than 10 years ago when she worked at Morris Hill, she said. She doesn't take credit for the cadence, she said, and changed it by putting in the school's name.

As the students headed to the park, they cheered for McCall to start the cadence. They chanted for her to do it over and over again until they reached the park.

Once the students had formed up near the flag and monument, all the 101st FSB Soldiers formed up, gave a salute and began to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then the students participated in a moment of silence.

It was more than just a moment, and teachers applauded their students for doing a good job at remaining quiet in honor of the Soldiers.



1st Inf. Div./Wiersgalla

Spc. Dana McCall, a supply clerk with 101st Forward Support Battalion, leads students from Junction City's Sheridan Elementary School in a cadence May 9. The students and 101st FSB Soldiers walked to Coronado Park where they held a moment of silence to honor Soldiers past and present.

Ware 'Bears' walk to Baghdad and back twice

By Anna Staats
Staff writer

Students in classrooms at Ware Elementary School received defending freedom bracelets May 10 for completing a symbolic walk to Baghdad, Iraq ...twice.

The physical education project allowed students to count 15 minutes of physical activity as one mile of walking. Activities included walking, gymnastics, physical education games and other avenues of fitness. During school breaks, students also were encouraged to exercise with a parent and record the activity. Each 100 miles "walked" by the students resulted in a footprint placed on the wall of the gym. About 550 students participated, walking a total of 31,500 miles – enough to go to Baghdad and back twice and then to San Francisco and back.

About 30 classrooms participated, along with some of the

school staff.

First-graders Alex Rodriguez and Jazmine Sickels were a little shy when it came to talking about the project, but both said they had fun.

Sickels' father is currently deployed to Iraq. She said she had been able to talk with him frequently and had told him about the walk.

Students, some of their Family members and a few members of the Ware Elementary staff origi-

nally enrolled for Walk Across Kansas – which equals about 450 miles when following Interstate 70 from Kansas City to the Colorado border.

Because so many students have or have had a parent deployed overseas, Pat Olmstead, the school's Family support monitor, said that a "walk to Baghdad" was easy to relate to.

The activity ran from March 5 to May 6.



Post/Staatz

Kimberly Lang (left), first-grade teacher at Ware Elementary, looks at defending freedom bracelets with students Alex Rodriguez and Jazmine Sickels. The students received the bracelets for participating in the Walk to Baghdad project at the school.

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USD 475 welcomes new Fort Riley representative

By Alison Kohler
Media Relations

The local school board said goodbye to the outgoing Fort Riley representative and welcomed the incoming representative at a board meeting May 8 at Fort Riley Elementary School.

"We're glad you are here," said Charles Volland, Unified School District 475 communications coordinator to incoming Fort Riley representative Lt. Col. Jeff Bovarnick, deputy staff judge advocate.

"I'm looking forward to it. Honestly, I didn't know we had a representative," Bovarnick said.

When he was asked to serve on the board, Bovarnick replied, "no problem." He has two sons who go to Fort Riley Elementary and his daughter will be a student in the district eventually.

"(I will) help out students any way I can and act as a conduit," Bovarnick said.

Maj. Colleen Wright, a mobilized Reserve Soldier with U.S. Army Garrison, has served on the board for about two years. She is coming off active duty this month and will move to Erie, Pa., where her husband took a position as professor of military science at Gannon University.

Wright thanked the board for allowing her to serve. "When you're new starting out, you're out of your comfort zone, but you learn so much," Wright said. "It takes all levels of community, government and parents to make sure our schools stay excellent."

The board also presented a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. 1st Class Cristino Moreno, S4 of

the 1st Infantry Division Band, for donating band and file cabinets to the district.

"We love to hear the band. There's no parade in Junction City that's right without the 1st ID Band," said Mark Roeser, school board president.

Two teachers, including one from Fort Riley Middle School, were nominated for the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year program.

"We wish them well and hope for two finalists," Volland said.

Shelbie Witte, language arts teacher at FRMS also completed her national board certification this school year, Volland said.

Eight students from the FRMS wrestling team accepted outstanding scholastic achievement certificates from Roeser for their collective 3.24 grade point average.



CAB/Truth

AUSA members visit CAB

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Hinds, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, talks with Bill Brooks, a member of the Fort Riley Central Kansas Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Brooks, Steve Busman, Gary Jungmans (far left) and 27 other AUSA members visited Fort Riley's Combat Aviation Brigade May 9.

Society provides tips for sun safety

American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society reminds everyone that May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Important sun protection methods include effective use of sunscreen, hats, protective clothing, sunglasses and avoidance of the sun when ultra-violet rays are most dangerous, generally between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer but also one of the most preventable. The American Cancer Society promotes sun safety to raise awareness and to remind everyone that if sun protection measures are started at an early age, there is less risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

According to Society statistics, more than one million people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with skin cancer in 2007. Because of the possible link between severe sunburns in childhood and greatly increased risk of melanoma and other skin cancers in later life, children in particular, should be protected from the sun.

"Most people do not realize

sun damage not only happens in the spring and summer – the sun's effects can be just as damaging in the fall and winter as well," explains Jennifer Taylor, American Cancer Society health initiatives community manager in northern Kansas. "We need to protect ourselves from the harmful effects of the sun year-round, no matter what our age or skin color."

The Society suggests the following reminder about skin cancer prevention – slip on a shirt, slap on some sunscreen and slap on a hat.

Slip – Slip on clothing that is light-colored and tightly-woven. Wear loose long sleeves and long pants. Also consider using a laundry additive that gives clothes a sun protection factor of 15.

Slop – Slop on sunscreen. Wear sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher on any exposed skin. Apply sunscreen 15 to 20 minutes before going outdoors, and be sure to reapply as necessary, especially after swimming, perspiring heavily or toweling off.

Slap – Slap on a hat. Wear a wide-brimmed hat that shades the

face, neck and ears.

The best way to detect skin cancer early is to recognize changes in skin growths or the appearance of new growths. A simple ABCD rule outlines the warning signals of the most serious form of skin cancer, melanoma:

A is for asymmetry – one half of the mole does not match the other half;

B is for border irregularity – the edges are ragged, notched, or blurred;

C is for color – the pigmentation is not uniform, with variable degrees of tan, brown or black; and

D is for diameter – greater than 6 millimeters, about the size of a pencil eraser.

Suspicious lesions or changes should be evaluated promptly by a physician.

For information about cancer, call toll-free any time day or night (800) ACS-2345 or visit the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org.

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Graduation

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Yarbrough, assistant division commander of operations for the 1st Infantry Division.

The "individuals who are receiving their degrees set a priority in their precious available time, Yarbrough said.

Instead of sleeping in or playing video games, individuals took classes during lunch, after work, on the weekends or online, Yarbrough said.

The commencement for the graduates brought in Families, friends and leaders to witness the occasion.

"Let it not be said that graduating isn't a Family affair; it has been proven today," said Eula

Howard, associate director, Student Services U.S. Central Michigan University. "I think I have seen the youngest post graduate."

Howard was just one of the college representatives present at the graduation.

The college with the greatest number of graduates was Barton County Community College with 121 graduates.

"In the past year, we have had 225 graduates from BCCC," said Dr. Carl Heilman, president of Barton.

"It has been the college's honor to be able to really support homeland security," Heilman said. "We are doing our part to help the Sol-

diers accomplish theirs."

Along with college representatives, battalion and brigade commanders also attended the ceremony.

"As a commander, I look for opportunities for Soldiers to better themselves," said Lt. Col. Christopher McCurry, commander of the 101st Forward Support Battalion. "I had three Soldiers graduating today from the battalion."

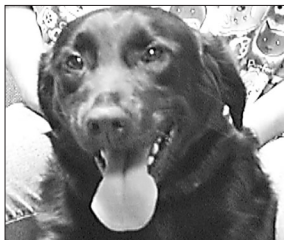
"The Soldiers work hard," McCurry said. "We give them tuition assistance and time to take classes; it's the least we can do to reward them."

Home wanted

Sampson

This is Sampson. He is a 5-year-old black lab who was found as a stray and never claimed. Sampson is extremely well behaved and has been trained well. He's been neutered and gets along well with children and other animals.

Fort Riley Stray Facility
Building 226 Custer Ave., Main Post
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
Phone: 239-6183



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Community news briefly

Hike 'n History walk scheduled

Learn interesting facts about Fort Riley's past during the Outdoor Recreation Center's 'Hike N History' walk scheduled for May 23.

The hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Registration is free and will be accepted until May 19.

Participants are asked to dress according to the weather.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363.

Bible study groups meet

Anyone interested in finding or starting a Bible study group in their neighborhood can contact Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Some study groups already meet on Main Post at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, on Custer Hill at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and in Ogden and Manhattan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

A female officers study group meets at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays in the basement conference room in Building 212.

Youth groups meet on post

Chapel youth groups for middle school and high school students meet on the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel, Building 3, on Main Post.

Middle school and high school youth meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Activities include a devotional, food and games.

Adult volunteers are needed to help with this ministry.

For more information, call Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Spiritual Ranger program meets

The Spiritual Ranger program is designed to help middle school and high school age students transition from boyhood to godly manhood through a series of spiritual and physical training exercises.

Spiritual Rangers generally meet on the second Sunday of each month. Male adult volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Law enforcement run scheduled

The Fort Riley police are selling long and short sleeve t-shirts to benefit the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run. All proceeds will go to the Kansas Special Olympics.

Shirts are blue with "Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run" printed in yellow lettering. Long-sleeve shirts are \$20 (M-XXL) and short-sleeve shirts are \$15 (M-XXL).

To donate and receive a shirt, call the Fort Riley Civil Liaison office at 239-2226 or visit Building 221 on Main Post.

If you would like to participate in the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 29, call Staff Sgt. Ryan McCarthy at 239-2226 to fill out a runner's waiver.

Fort Riley runners will pick up the torch at the Ogden Gate from members of the Riley County Police Department and transfer it to the Junction City police at Grant Gate.

Dollar days at thrift shop

Every Thursday is Dollar Days on select items at the Thrift Shop. For more information contact the Thrift Shop at 784-3873.

Have a little extra time on your hands? The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers; inquire at the Shop.

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Home of the Big Red One

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

May 17 – Shooter, R, 124 min.

May 18 – Are We Done Yet, PG, 90 min.

All Seats for the movies on May 19 are discounted

May 19 – Wild Hogs, PG-13, 100 min., 2 p.m. showing

May 19 – Ghost Rider, PG-13, 110 min.

May 20 – Firehouse Dog, PG, 111 min., 5 p.m. showing

May 24 – The Reaping, R, 98 min.

For more information, call 239-9574.

1st ID Band to perform

The 1st Infantry Division Band's CG Summer Concert Series begins May 24 on Fort Riley. The band will perform several concerts throughout the summer on post. The following concerts have been slated. All are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

May 24 – Concert Band, Drumfire Park, Schofield Circle on Main Post

June 21 – Rock Band, Barracks area 7003, Normandy Drive

Aug. 23 – Stage Band, Meade Heights playground on Jackson Ave.

Sept. 13 – Concert Band, Drumfire Park, Schofield Circle on Main Post

For more information about the CG Summer Concert Series and other events at Fort Riley visit www.riley.army.mil.

BOSS offers St. Louis trip

Spend your Memorial weekend in St. Louis with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. Transportation will be provided and will leave May 25 and return May 27.

The weekend will include a trip to Six Flags over St. Louis. To register or for more information, call Information, Ticketing and Registration 239-5614 or 239-8147.

Triathletes invited to June race

By Mandi Peters

Flint Hills Red Cross

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The last three years the people of Manhattan have watched as the American Red Cross Flint Hills Triathlon has grown. Each year has been a success and all those involved are looking forward to another great event June 3 at Tuttle Creek State Park.

The Flint Hills Triathlon continues to be the Kansas Qualifier for the Best in the U.S. Amateur Triathlete Competition, a national competition that pits the top male and female triathlete in each state

Triathlon information

For more information about the Flint Hills Triathlon or to register, visit www.FlintHillsTri.com.

against each other in September 2007.

"First of all I wanted to say what a great event it was," said 2006 participant Anne Jones of Springfield, Mo. "As my first Olympic distance I had a great experience and felt the race was run so well. The volunteers were amazing and the whole event seemed flawless despite the ele-

ments. I have done many sprint distance tri and thought this one was well worth my five-hour drive."

"We expect 300 to 400 triathletes to compete this year," said USA Triathlon Certified Race Director Clay Meyers-Bowman of Blue Hills Adventures, LLC, the company that manages the Flint Hills Tri. He added that this

triathlon "provides an enjoyable challenge for everyone and is suitable for beginners and experienced triathletes" with a short and long course.

The short course consists of a 500-meter swim, a 16-kilometer bike and a 5-kilometer run. The long course is a 1500-meter swim, a 40-kilometer bike and a 10-kilometer run. The swim portion begins the race in the open waters of River Pond followed by the bike course, which exits the park on "Dead Dog Hill", and the concluding run is through the State Park Campground.

The event also will feature a Kid's Zone and Triathlon Expo.

Units to support Armed Forces Appreciation events

Staff report

Community members will have an opportunity to observe Fort Riley assets and Soldiers supporting local events May 19 in observance of Armed Forces Appreciation Day.

Topeka, Kan.

Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard is scheduled to perform a cavalry tactics demonstrations at the May 19 Armed Forces Appreciation Day at Heartland Park in Topeka.

The event will begin at 2 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m., the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's Salute Battery will fire during a performance of the "1812 Overture" by the Kansas Army National Guard's 35th Infantry Division Band.

Other activities will include military hardware and equipment displays, civilian and public safety displays, an obstacle course, a climbing wall, the "Hot Rods and Humvees" car show, a patriotic USO show, stage performances

from the Kings of Swing band and the Kansas Army National Guard 35th Inf. Div. Band, and the "Rockets Red Glare" fireworks display.

For information about the "Hot Rods and Humvees" Car Show, call Heartland Park Topeka at 862-4781 or (800) 43-RACES.

Hutchinson, Kan.

Col. Jeffrey Ingram, commander of 1st Brigade, is scheduled to speak on current military issues, military history and personal

experiences at the Special Military Active-Retired Travel Club's annual national rally in the Meadowlark Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The event is scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

Fort Scott, Kan.

Supporting Liberty Theatre's Armed Forces Appreciation event in Fort Scott, Master Sgt. Kirk Crabtree from 1st Bde. is slated to relate his experiences in support of the war. The event is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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